

# Curriculum Vitae

## Egbert Rein te Velde (1939)

He started to study medicine in 1958 and got his medical degree in 1966. Then he worked as a locum for a family doctor, did a course in tropical medicine, had a surgical and obstetrical training and went to Africa in 1968. He worked there as a general doctor in rural mission hospitals until 1972.

He specialized in obstetrics and gynecology from 1972-1977.

From 1977-1980 he was a fellow of the National Cancer Institute in Amsterdam and worked on a clinical research project that in 1982 would result in a thesis entitled 'The clinical significance of tumor index substances and the assessment of immune competence in patients with cervical cancer'.

From 1980 onwards he worked in the departments of oncology and reproductive medicine of the University Hospital in Utrecht. After the retirement of his tutor professor Jan Kremer in 1986, he became the head of the department of reproductive medicine of the division of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

He became professor of Reproductive Medicine in 1990. His inaugural lecture entitled, 'Becoming pregnant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: ever later, ever more artificial' got much public attention and was translated into German and French.

He retired in 2004 when he gave a farewell lecture entitled 'Is women's emancipation still compatible with reproduction in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?' At this occasion he was appointed by the queen to be Knight in the Order of the Dutch Lion.

His main scientific interest was female reproductive ageing and prognostic models predicting the probability of spontaneous pregnancy and of pregnancy after ART. He published about 160 articles and reviews in peer-reviewed journals and supervised the scientific thesis of 24 medical doctors.

Together with the sociologist Christien Brinkgreve, he published in 2006 a book entitled 'Do women still want to become mother?'