

Speaker Biographies

Professor Chris Butterworth, BDS(Hons), MPhil, FDSRCS (Eng), FDS (Rest Dent) RCS (Eng)

Consultant in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Liverpool Head & Neck Centre, UK

Professor Chris Butterworth is a UK-based Maxillofacial Surgical Prosthodontist who has worked at University Hospital Aintree since his appointment in 2003. He has built an international reputation for innovative care in the field of oral & facial rehabilitation following head & neck cancer and has won several national and international awards for his work on implant-based prosthetic rehabilitation. He has pioneered the combination of skeletally anchored zygomatic implants in combination with microvascular free flap reconstruction for patients with maxillary and mid-facial malignant diseases (the ZIP Flap technique). He is actively involved in research within the Head & Neck Centre and regularly lectures at national and international meetings. He was the youngest ever national president of the British Society of Prosthodontics in 2011/12. Chris has authored over 60 scientific papers, several textbook chapters and is the lead author on the restorative guidelines for UK based head & neck cancer patients.



Joep Kraeima, MSc, PhD

Staff Member, head of UMCG 3D-lab

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen

Technical Physician specialized in the field of OMFS. Head of the UMCG 3D Lab. Researcher in the field of 3D reconstructive, orthognathic and 3D surgery. Aims to develop and optimize 3D Virtual Surgical Planning and the use of Patient Specific Osteosynthesis materials.



Professor Gerry M. Raghoobar, DDS, MD, PhD

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon, Professor Oral and Maxillofacial Implants

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen

Gerry M. Raghoobar received his DDS and MD degree at the University of Groningen. In 1988 he qualified as oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Since 1988, he is a staff member at the University Medical Center Groningen. He defended his PhD thesis in 1991. In 2006 he was appointed as a professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Groningen. From 1995 to 2006 he was member of the board of the Dutch Society of Oral Implantology and since 2006 he is honorary member of this society. He is a fellow of the European Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. His current research efforts are focused on single tooth replacements, the edentulous maxilla, bone and soft tissue augmentation techniques, reconstruction of bone defects, and craniofacial implants. He has (co)authored numerous scientific publications and books.



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Sebastiaan A.H.J. de Visscher, MD, DDS, PhD

*Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, Head and Neck Surgeon,
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen*

Sebastiaan de Visscher is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and Head and Neck Surgeon at the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), the Netherlands. His clinical work focuses on oncologic surgery and reconstruction of the maxilla and midface. After studying Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Groningen, he completed his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UMCG in 2016. He obtained his PHD in 2014 with a thesis on photodynamic therapy in head and neck cancer and subsequently completed a fellowship in Head and Neck Oncology. Dr. de Visscher has a particular interest in prosthetic-driven reconstruction following maxillary tumor surgery, including the use of zygomatic implants, ZIP-flap concepts and extra-oral implants for facial prosthetic rehabilitation. He is actively involved in the development and implementation of digital workflows and guided surgery in oncologic reconstruction. In addition to his clinical work, he participates in several translational research projects in head and neck oncology and regularly teaches in international courses on zygomatic implants and oncologic rehabilitation.



Nathalie Vosselman, DDS

*Maxillofacial Prosthodontist
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Nathalie Vosselman is a Maxillofacial Prosthodontist and Head of the Centre for Special Dental Care at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), one of the prominent centers for oral and facial rehabilitation in the Netherlands. After graduating in Dentistry from the University of Amsterdam in 2003, Nathalie ran her private dental practice in Haarlem for 16 years, specializing in complex restorative and prosthetic dental care. In 2018, she completed her specialist training in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at UMCG, where she subsequently earned a staff position. In her role as a maxillofacial consultant at the UMCG Head and Neck Centre, Nathalie focusses exclusively on oral and facial rehabilitation for oncology patients. Her PhD research centers on 3D workflows in prosthetic rehabilitation, improving outcomes for oncology patients through innovative, technology-driven approaches. Since 2023, Nathalie had led the Centre for Special Dental Care at UMCG, overseeing specialized dental services for patients with complex oral health needs. She is actively involved in clinical research and is dedicated to advancing prosthetic treatment techniques to enhance patient quality of life.



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Sander Tabernée- Heijtmeijer

*Technical Physician at the UMCG 3D-lab,
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Sander Tabernée-Heijtmeijer has over four years of experience applying 3D technology in maxillofacial surgery, special dentistry, orthopedics, and trauma surgery. Combining medical and technical expertise, he contributes to multidisciplinary teams to optimize complex reconstructions, implantology, and orthognathic surgery. As a PhD candidate, his research focuses on augmented and mixed reality to advance virtual surgical planning, patient education, and intraoperative navigation. Through these innovations, he aims to enhance surgical accuracy, improve patient understanding, and facilitate the clinical adoption of cutting-edge digital technologies.



Maarten Heuvels

*Dental Technician,
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University Medical Center Groningen*

Maarten Heuvels is a Dental Technician at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) in the Netherlands. He has over 20 years of experience in implant planning in the oral and maxillofacial region, including zygomatic implants. As part of the prosthetic team, he works closely with maxillofacial prosthetist Aswin Beekes, and together they are responsible for fabricating obturator prostheses and prosthetic reconstructions on oral and craniofacial implants.

