

5th International  
Cleft Course Utrecht



# A hands-on dissection course on velopharyngeal insufficiency

11-12 November 2022



## International Cleft Course

### Diagnosis and treatment of velopharyngeal insufficiency

We are delighted to invite you to the Fifth International Cleft Dissection Course, held in Utrecht the Netherlands, on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2022.

In this two-day course, it is our aim to increase your knowledge about the diagnosis and treatment of velopharyngeal insufficiency. There will be fresh-frozen cadaver dissections, interesting lectures by renowned speakers and of course plenty of time for questions and discussions.

All of this will take place at the anatomy department of the University of Utrecht, only a few kilometers away from the beautiful city centre.

We hope to see you in November!

Aebele Mink van der Molen, Emma Paes  
and Shariselle de Vlieger



#### Aebele Mink van der Molen

**"A comprehensive two-day  
conference and dissection  
course, covering many aspects of  
velopharyngeal insufficiency that  
we all want to know about."**

This course is meant to learn about the technical aspects of cleft surgery focused on velopharyngeal insufficiency, such as buccal flaps, Hynes, and how to perform a suprazygomaticus block. Also the more challenging defects and their treatment options, such as the FAMM flap and tongue flap, will be practiced. Next to that, it's also an opportunity for low key and open discussion about dilemmas in cleft surgery. Topics such as measuring cleft speech, challenges to compare speech outcome and indications for surgery will all be addressed.

# Meet our speakers



## Dr. Felicity Mehendale

Plastic, Reconstructive and Cleft surgeon  
President of International Confederation of  
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## Mr. Marc C. Swan

Cleft surgeon and Clinical Director  
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## Prof. Dr. Greet Hens

Pediatric otorhinolaryngologist, head  
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Coordinator of the multidisciplinary  
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## Dr. M. Nienhuijs

Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon  
Radboud University Medical Center,  
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## Prof. Dr. R. Bleys

Head of the department of Anatomy,  
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