



Symposium invitation

‘From Microbe to Mucosa’ ***Exploring Pediatric (Airway) Immunity***



 Date & time: November 7, 2025 13.30-17.00 pm
 Location: Quinton house, Utrecht Center

About

This multidisciplinary symposium explores the fascinating interaction between microbes and the immune system and relation with disease, with a focus on the respiratory tract.

For whom?

Pediatricians (with interest in infections, immunology and pulmonary diseases) • Microbiologists • Immunologists • and those in training (residents/PhD candidates)

Preliminary program:



13.30-13.35	Opening	
13.35-14.10	Key note 1	Clare Lloyd – Immune cell interactions in the lung
14.10-14.20	Paper presentation	Olaf Perdijk – Antibiotic-driven dysbiosis in early life and allergic airway inflammation
14.20-14.55	Key note 2	Wendy Unger – Colonisation and infection in the airways
14.55-15.15	Break	
15.15-15.50	Key note 3	Hermelijn Smits – Immune-modulating molecules and prevention of respiratory tract infections
15.50-16.40	Thesis talks	4 nominees with a recent thesis in ID, microbiology and/or immunology present their research work
16.40-16:50	Thesis award and closure	
17.00-18.00	Drinks & bites	

Speakers:

- * Prof. Clare Lloyd - Respiratory Immunology, Imperial College, London
- * Dr. Wendy Unger – Infection & Immunity Group Pediatrics, ErasmusMC Rotterdam
- * Prof. Hermelijn Smits – Department of Immunology, Leiden University Medical Center
- * Dr. Olaf Perdijk – Utrecht Institute for Pharmaceutical Sciences, Utrecht University

Registration & info:

Please register (entrance is free) via:
<https://forms.gle/F8Xv3ufRHR2gL9PV9> or

-  Accreditation is being requested
-  Organised by the section Pediatric Infectious diseases and Immunity (SPII) of the Dutch Pediatric Association

