

Obituary

Joke Letschert

As a consequence of a fatal traffic accident, Joke Letschert died on 16 May 1995 at the age of 37 years. Joke trained in radiation oncology at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam, and since 1989 she had a full time position at the Department of Radiotherapy in the Academic Medical Centre.

Although she was an all round radiotherapist, Joke became particularly interested in the field of gastrointestinal tumours. Within the EORTC Radiotherapy Cooperative Group, she performed several toxicity studies in trials on colorectal tumours, and she was one of the major contributors to the recently published "scoring system for late effects of normal tissues" [1].

Joke knew perfectly how to combine her clinical work, science and pleasure. Many friends from Holland and abroad will always remember Joke's hospitality and her capacity to prepare

delicious dishes, particularly Italian food. Joke was a model for young oncologists. Her patients will miss her and we will never forget her scientific motivation and her warm-hearted personality.

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