



Erfocentre in a nutshell

The Erfocentrum is meant for everybody who has questions or is looking for information about heredity, health & community.

The information, which the Erfocentrum offers, is aimed at the subsequent areas:

- Diseases and disorders

The Erfocentrum has hundreds of descriptions about hereditary diseases and disorders and information about the various connected patient organisations.

- Around pregnancy

The Erfocentrum has information about heredity, lifestyle and research for everybody who wants to get pregnant or already is.

- Heredity

The Erfocentrum has general information about heredity, inheritance and the different patterns of inheritance.

The information centre disposes of a website, public brochures, documentation and an information telephone service: the Erfolijn.

- The website www.erfelijkheid.nl

The website offers extensive search possibilities in the above-mentioned areas of the Erfocentrum. Many links provide for a direct connection to sites where more information is available.

- Public brochures

At the Erfocentrum it is possible to order various public brochures about heredity in general and information about subjects around pregnancy, information sheets for women who want to get pregnant or already are, information sheets about rare disorders, heredity guidance for Turkish and Moroccan future parents, etc. An overview of the public brochures can be found on the website and in the overview of materials.

- Literature

Our literature consists of an extensive documentation file, specialised around heredity, news in the media, archives consisting of news items, documentation about heredity.

- Erfolijn

The Erfolijn gives personal replies to questions about heredity by telephone and e-mail on working days between 10:00-15:00 h., Erfolijn 0900- 66 555 66.

Those who are interested to be kept informed about the developments within the Erfocentrum can register for the monthly Erfo-mailnews, via the website section 'nieuwsbrief'.

The organisation

The mission of the foundation ERFO-centrum:

To inform, to guide and to promote the knowledge of relevant target groups in health care and society about genetic and non- genetic congenital disorders, by which attention will be paid to medical and care aspects as well as to psychical, juridical, ethical and social aspects connected to it.

The foundation ERFO-centrum is raised in October 2000. In the board of the Erfocentrum are represented: de Chronisch zieken en Gehandicapten Raad (CG- Raad), de Vereniging Klinische Genetica Nederland (VKGN), de Vereniging van Stichtingen Klinische Genetica (SKG), Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij tot bevordering der Geneeskunst (KNMG) and de Vereniging Samenwerkende Ouder- en Patiëntenorganisaties betrokken bij erfelijke en/ of aangeboren aandoeningen (VSOP).

The Erfocentrum exists of a team of eight professional co-operators (in total 5 fte.).

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The Erfocentrum is the initiative of the Dutch organisation: Alliance of parent en patient organisations concerned in hereditary and congenital disorders – VSOP.