

Heart Failure & Arrhythmias



Atherosclerosis & Ischemic Syndromes





Focus of research group (I)

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Size of research group: 4 PhD students, 2 Post-docs, 1
Technician, 2 Undergraduate students

Current mission, vision and aims:

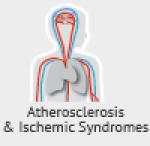
- → Mission: Understanding the molecular mechanism that regulate leukocyte transendothelial migration.
- → Vision: The endothelium provides a platform for leukocytes to adhere to and transmigrate. Use the endothelium to steer leukocyte exit
- → Aim: Determining the molecular ques in the endothelium that define the local transmigration "hot-spot".



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& Thrombosis







Microcirculation

Focus of research group (II)

Current expertise:

Molecular mechanisms of leukocyte transendothelial migration

- \rightarrow In vitro TEM-under-flow assays.
- \rightarrow Combined Permeability and TEM assays.
- \rightarrow Permeability / Electrical Resistance measurements.
- → Functional Imaging: FRET / FRAP / Photo-activatable probes / Light-induced dimerization probes.

Current funding:

- → Landsteiner Foundation for Blood transfusion (LSBR)
- \rightarrow ALW-NWO open.
- → Uitzicht: National Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- → Product and Progress Development Project grant; Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.
- \rightarrow Rembrandt Institute for Cardiovascular Research.
- \rightarrow Bayer Drugs for Target grant.



Future plans

Short term (1-2 year) plan Plan: Central aim: How does the endothelium orchestrate local leukocyte exit?

<u>Necessary infrastructure</u>: Microscopy tools (fast imaging/high resolution), in vivo disease models to validate our claim.

Long term (>2 year) plan <u>Plan</u>: Triggering leukocyte extravasation on demand using photodynamic therapy.

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Collaboration in ACS: Microscopy facility/ Group Huveneers/ De Waard/Stroes (AMC) / Group Hordijk/Boon/Eringa (VUMC).

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