

## Deepak M.W. Balak, MD PhD MSc

Deepak Balak (born 1985) is a dermatologist with a drive to help advance and improve the quality of care for patients with a chronic immune-mediated inflammatory skin disease.

In 2010, he obtained his Doctor of Medicine (MD) and a Master of Sciences in Biomedical Sciences (MSc) at the *Leiden University* in Leiden, the Netherlands. At *Erasmus University* in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, he completed both a dermatology residency training (2017) and a PhD-thesis on clinical drug development in psoriasis (2018). In 2019, he was a fellow of the International Psoriasis Council (IPC) with Professor Alice Gottlieb at the *Mount Sinai Hospital* in New York, USA.

Deepak currently works at the Department of Dermatology of the *LangeLand Ziekenhuis* in Zoetermeer, the Netherlands, combining a practice as dermatologist with teaching responsibilities and research activities. His clinical interests include patient-centered care and holistic management of psoriasis and atopic dermatitis. His scientific focus is centered on clinical drug development and translational medicine in chronic immune-mediated inflammatory skin diseases. He works closely with both patient and professional (inter)-national associations, and actively contributes to dermatology teaching by speaking and chairing at educational meetings.

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