

Dr. DirkJan Hijnen earned his MD at the University of Utrecht after he received an MSc degree in Medical Biology from the University of Amsterdam. He went on to earn his PhD from the University of Utrecht, studying the role of T-cells in the pathogenesis of atopic dermatitis.

During his dermatology residency he continued his research and received a grant to continue his research on skin T-cells in atopic dermatitis skin in the laboratory of Rachael A. Clark at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA.

From 2011-2017 Dr. Hijnen worked at the University Medical Center of Utrecht. Since August 2017 Dr. Hijnen is working at the Erasmus MC in Rotterdam as a dermatologist, instructor and researcher. Dr. Hijnen is leading the outpatient clinic for patients with atopic dermatitis. His research focuses on the development of new ways to characterize atopic dermatitis patients, by integration of clinical, serological, cellular and molecular biomarkers. This will lead to a better understanding of disease mechanisms and contribute to precision medicine.