

Short biography

Nanja van Geel, MD, PhD (Ghent University Hospital/Ghent University, Belgium)

Nanja van Geel, is a dermatologist, specialized in pigmentary disorders, working at Ghent University Hospital and an associate Professor at the Ghent University in Belgium. She directs the pigmentary disorders related activities at the department of Dermatology. This incorporates a specialized diagnostic and therapeutic approach of patients with vitiligo as well as research related activities with a particular interest in outcome measures and measurement instruments (www.vitiligo-calculator.com). For her PhD she performed the first double blind randomized controlled trial to evaluate non cultured epidermal cellular grafting for vitiligo. Based on the clinical and scientific activities, the department is considered as a (inter)national referral center for pigmentary disorders.

She has authored multiple international papers and book chapters, received several scientific awards and serves on several international committees related to vitiligo (e.g. VETF, VGICC). She is frequently invited as a speaker/chairman at national and international congresses. She works in collaboration with many international colleagues and research centers and organized many meetings and workshops in relation to outcome measures in vitiligo. An ultimate future goal is to achieve a worldwide consensus on a vitiligo core dataset for clinical trials, registries and in daily practice.