

UMCG:

UMCG Cohort Symposium 2025 'Building the Foundations of Research'

Programme and timetable

13:00 - 13:30: Registration

13:30 - 14:30: Opening and keynote by Dr. Marije Brouwer

Marije Brouwer is a researcher and bioethicist, whose work focuses on the ethical dimensions of medical practice and research. In her keynote presentation, she will explore the ethical challenges and opportunities presented by biobank and cohort research. Together with the audience, Marije will delve into key topics such as informed consent, the impact of participation on individuals, and the complexities of data-sharing in research.

14:30 - 15:15: First round of breakout sessions

- Panel Discussion: Implementing strategies to include and retain cohort participants over time
- Data harmonisation: The Why and How of harmonizing data across cohorts
- Financial sustainability: strategies to keep your cohort alive

15:15 - 15:45: Coffee break

15:45 - 16:30: Second round of breakout sessions

- Synthetic data: Explore artificially generated datasets that mimic real cohort and biobank data
- Sample quality: How to ensure high-quality biological samples in your biobank?
- UMCG Cohort data infrastructure: Current state, gaps and future developments

16:30 - 17:00: Cohort pitches

17:00: Drinks