Symposium Aging & Later Life, APH Annual Meeting

**Is the RCT history?**

During this 2-hour symposium we will address the recently published Council for Public Health and Society (Raad van Volksgezondheid en Samenleving, RVS) report “No evidence without context. About the illusion of evidence-based practice in healthcare” (“Zonder context geen bewijs. Over de illusie van evidence based practice in de zorg”). What are the implications of the report’s findings for aging research and its methodologies? How do we shape aging research in our program, and what lessons can be drawn from our experiences? Are complex interventions in aging research exciting opportunities or insurmountable tasks? We will discuss these and more questions with prof. Jan Kremer (RVS), Henk Smid (ZonMW), and prof. Riekie de Vet (VUmc). Three Aging & Later Life researchers with experience in the area of complex interventions will present their work.

**Program**

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*Introduction to RVS report “No evidence without context. About the illusion of evidence-based practice in healthcare”*:  
- **14.30-14.45** Henk Smid, director ZonMW. Observations and reflections on the implications of the RVS report for aging research and the role of funding bodies.

*Three short presentations by Aging & later Life researchers in which they will address challenges they faced when carrying out complex interventions.*  
- **14.45-15.00** Dr. Eric Moll van Charante, dept. of General Practice, AMC: Prediva, prevention of dementia by intensive vascular care.
- **15.00-15.15** Dr. Marike van der Leeden, dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine, VUmc: Remedial therapy program osteoarthritis/arthritis.
- **15.15-15.30** Prof. dr. Bregje Onwuteaka –Philipsen, dept. of Social Medicine, VUmc: PACE-study: palliative care in nursing homes.

*Reflections and debate*  
- **15.30-15.40:** Prof. dr Riekie de Vet, dept. of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (VUmc): reflections on presentations and (methodological) challenges.
- **15.40-16.00** Plenary discussion