



TRANSMURAAL NETWERK MIDDEN-HOLLAND

The Transmural Network Foundation is set up in 1999 as a formal joint venture of care providers in Midden-Holland. The objective is to realise a demand oriented seamless system of health care provisions in the region. Professional and technical proceedings enable care delivery as closely to home as possible in a way that suits the needs of the patient best. Directors of the participating care providers form the board of the network foundation. The network employs a number of project managers and cooperates with the regional health care insurance company (UVIT), the regional patient organization (Zorgbelang), the community councils and many other partners in healthcare. It is an open network. The most important programs at the moment are:

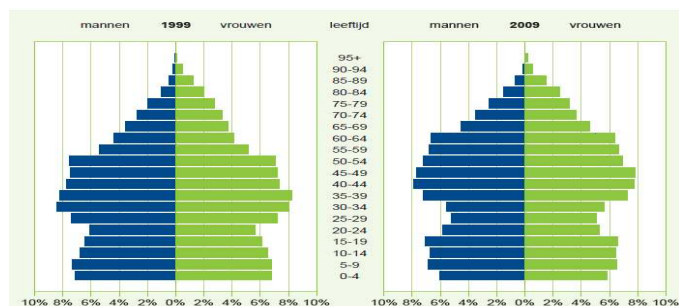
Participants Transmural Network Midden-Holland:

Groene Hart Ziekenhuis (hospital care);
Regionale Organisatie Huisartsen Midden-Holland (general practitioners);
Vereniging Medische Staf Groene Hart Ziekenhuis (medical consultants);
GGZ-Midden-Holland, Rivierduinen (mental health care);
Gemiva-SVG groep (care for the disabled);
Vierstroom (home care, nursing homes and homes for the elderly).

1. The network has set up integrated care or care chains for specific patients like people with cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and diabetes.
2. The network is leading in developing a regional electronic patient record according to the national standards.
3. Care providers are working together in Human Resource Management.
4. The latest transmural program is focused on prevention in health care.

The Midden-Holland region

Around 240.000 inhabitants live in the Midden-Holland region. The region is situated in the "Green Heart" of The Netherlands. The area is a protected agricultural countryside (polder landscape) with small villages and restricted urban development. Gouda with over 70.000 citizens is the biggest of the 11 municipalities in the region. The composition of the population of Midden-Holland is different to the Dutch average. There are relatively more youngsters and fewer adults compared to the elderly. Gouda is third after Amsterdam and Utrecht for its percentage of inhabitants of Moroccan descent. Almost half of the population is of protestant denomination. Inhabitants of Midden-Holland consider themselves as quite healthy and happy. Life expectancy in this area is one of the highest in Holland. Compared to other regions the rate of consuming care is low. Health provision is sufficient. Disease burden will increase by an aging population and because of unhealthy lifestyles. More integrated preventic care is needed. *After: RIVM Gezondheid en Zorg in Midden-Holland II, 2010*



Changes in population of Midden-Holland 1999 and 2010