

Jury report RIHS Societal Impact Award 2016

The RIHS Societal Impact Award is awarded to a RIHS research product with a high impact on society in 2016. The product should be based on a RIHS project and can have many forms. The nominated researcher(s)/group should have played a significant part in the development of the product and this must be part of his/her RIHS work activities.

According to the set procedure, all RIHS researchers received a request to nominate products for the Societal Impact Award 2016. In total, 4 products were nominated.

These nominated products were judged by the jury, consisting of Dr Carla van Herpen (chair), Prof. Nicole Blijlevens and Prof. Rob Baltussen and, according to the following criteria:

- Societal relevance
- Media attention
- Innovative aspect

Use in guidelines or policy documents and demonstrable implementation in healthcare market were also assessed.

After careful consideration, the jury unanimously came to the following view:

In **second place**, the jury selected **'The Dutch do-not-do-list'** of **Tijn Kool** and colleagues. At the request of the Dutch Minister of Health, Tijn and colleagues have composed a Dutch do-not-do list with low-value care. They searched all 193 clinical guidelines published from 2010 on. Their list of in total of 1,366 low-value services was published in top rank journal BMC Medicine. The do-not-do list has also been integrated into the consultants' national guideline database, highlighting the equal importance of refrain from treatment compared to treating and action. The Dutch do-not-do-list has had a huge impact on the national debate on reducing low-value care. The list received media attention via the Volkskrant and radio and television programs. Minister of Health Edith Schippers mentioned the list several times on television as a best practice of starting a discussion about unnecessary care activities and opportunities for increasing efficiency. The researchers were also contacted by hospitals en insurance companies to help implementation of the list in their institute.

Dr Carla van Herpen (chair)

Prof. Nicole Blijlevens

Prof. Rob Baltussen