

**Biographical sketch: Christine C. Dierickx, M.D.**

Christine C. Dierickx finished her dermatology residency in Belgium. Subsequently, she completed a fellowship in phlebology in the Netherlands, a clinical laser fellowship with Dr. R. Fitzpatrick in San Diego, CA and a Mohs fellowship with Dr. F. Mohs in Madison, WI.

During a 2 year laser fellowship with Dr. R. Anderson at Massachusetts General Hospital of Harvard University, she developed research laser expertise in various fields. For her work on the thermal relaxation time of ectatic blood vessels, she received the Best Basic Science Award of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. Subsequently, she became a full-time staff member of the Wellman Laboratories at Harvard. During this time, she conducted the research projects with long pulsed ruby and diode lasers for hair removal that led to approval for permanent hair reduction.

She returned to Europe in 2000 where she is in private practice in Luxembourg.

In 2006, Dr. Dierickx was vice-president of the “American Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery, Inc” and afterwards a board member of the International Committee. In 2013 she was the recipient of the Vasant Orwal Oration van de British Medical Laser Society. In April 2016 she was granted the Leon Goldman memoriam award. This award recognizes a practicing physician whose career demonstrates excellence in clinical research, patient care, or education, related to medical lasers.

Dr. Dierickx remains actively involved in research on various energy based devices and its applications. She has published and lectured nationally and internationally in the field of laser surgery, energy based devices and photodynamic therapy.