

About Dutch Association of Skin Therapists

Skin therapists are qualified to treat patients with acute and chronic skin conditions or disorders with or without referral from a General Practitioner or medical specialist. Skin therapists treat skin disorders with the intention to cure, reduce or prevent the condition and its limitation that it can bring in the patients' life. A skin therapists scope of practice includes scar tissue (surgical, trauma or burns related), acne, abnormal hair growth, venous-post DVT, lip and lymphoedema and chronic wounds. Skin therapists are also qualified in applying complex compression therapy and all aspects of Complete Decongestive Therapy.

Skin therapists work in private practice, a multicenter group practice, a community health center or a hospital.

The Dutch Association of Skin Therapists (NVH) is an Allied Health professional association that has represented the interests of skin therapists in the Netherlands since 1978.

Members of the association are Bachelor level skin therapy graduates. The title of skin therapist is protected under Dutch law. The educational and expertise requirements are also specified under Dutch law. The expertise entails treating patients with a broad variety of skin disorders who are referred to the skin therapist by a general practitioner or specialist.

Skin therapists are registered and recognized as an Allied Health Professional in The Netherlands.

Visit the official NVH website here. [link: <http://www.huidtherapie.nl/english/>]