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Key interests

Long-term and late effects
Health-related quality of life
Symptom clusters
Comorbidity
Illness perceptions
Lifestyle factors
Digital health / Ecological momentary assessments
Health care use

Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Faculty of Medicine, Leiden University, The Netherlands
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Master of Science in Psychology (Health Psychology)

Leiden University, The Netherlands
2002-2004

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

James Cook University, Australia
2002

Graduate Diploma in Social Work

National University of Singapore, Singapore
1998-1999

Bachelor of Psychology

Edith Cowan University, Australia
1995-1996

Bachelor of Science (Psychology)

Curtin University, Australia
1992-1994

Previous professional appointments

Department of Medical Psychology, Amsterdam University Medical Centers, location AMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Researcher / 2012 – 2016

Department of Medical and Clinical Psychology, Tilburg University, Tilburg, The Netherlands
Researcher / 2009-2015

Eindhoven Cancer Registry, Comprehensive Cancer Center South (IKZ), Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Junior Researcher / 2007-2009

Department of Clinical Epidemiology, Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden, The Netherlands
PhD student / 2005-2007

Department of Neurology, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
Psychologist / 1999-2002

Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises, Singapore
Substance abuse counsellor / 1997-1999

Selected peer-reviewed key publications

1. **Thong MSY**, Doege D, Weißer L, ..., Arndt V. Persisting deficits in health-related quality of life of colorectal cancer survivors 14-24 years post-diagnosis: a population-based study. *Curr Oncol* 2023, 30: 3373-3390
2. **Thong MSY**, van Noorden CJF, Steindorf K, Arndt V. Cancer-related fatigue: causes and current treatment options. *Curr Treat Options Oncol* 2020, 21:17
3. Eyl-Ambruster RE*, **Thong MSY***, Carr PR, ..., Arndt V. Change toward healthier lifestyles is associated with better health-related quality of life in long-term colorectal cancer survivors. *J Natl Compr Canc Netw* 2022, 20: 1233-1243
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4. **Thong MSY**, Boakye D, Jansen L, ..., Arndt V. Comorbidities, rather than old age and tumor stage are strongly associated with higher utilization of healthcare in colorectal cancer survivors. *J Natl Compr Canc Netw* 2022, 20: 468-478.e7
5. Adam S, **Thong MSY**, Martin-Diener E, ..., Arndt V. Identifying classes of the pain, fatigue, and depressive symptom cluster in long-term prostate cancer survivors – results from the multiregional Prostate Cancer Survivorship Study in Switzerland (PROCAS). *Support Care Cancer* 2021, 29: 6259-6269
6. **Thong MSY**, Chan RJ, van den Hurk C, ..., Fitch MI. Going beyond (electronic) patient reported outcomes: Harnessing the benefits of smart technology and ecological momentary assessment in cancer survivorship research. *Support Care Cancer* 2021, 29: 7-10
7. Adam S, van de Poll-Franse LV, Mols F, ..., **Thong MSY**. The association of cancer-related fatigue with all-cause mortality of colorectal and endometrial cancer survivors: results from the population-based PROFILES registry. *Cancer Med* 2019, 8: 3227-323