

Dr. Richard Keijzer

Why I am with the Lung Association?

In my work as a pediatric surgeon I see the difficulties that babies with abnormal lung development have when we perform surgery on them. In 2014, I received a national salary award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba and Manitoba Lung Association. This award helped me to establish my research program.

I am a pediatric surgeon and scientist and in my laboratory we study the abnormal lung development seen in babies who are born with a hole in their diaphragm. Our ultimate goal is to develop a prenatal therapy to improve the lung development before babies with this devastating disease are even born.

I started with the Lung Association in 2016 and sit on the Board of Directors and I am a member of the Research Committee.

My family and I moved from the Netherlands to Winnipeg in 2010. We love Canada and the warm summers and cold winters in Winnipeg. We like to go skating on the River Trail, skiing and I run to keep in shape, even in the winter.