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PROF DR RUTGERS (1955) is a Surgical Oncologist at the Netherlands Cancer Institute in Amsterdam, previous Head of the Department of Surgery and Professor in Surgical Oncology at the Medical Faculty of the University of Amsterdam. He earned his PhD degree in 1986 at the University of Amsterdam on a thesis investigating the value of follow up of women treated for breast cancer. Prof Rutgers is fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (London & Glasgow). He is chair of the European Breast Cancer Council.

Prof Rutgers' main field of interest is breast cancer, with emphasis on prognostic and predictive factors (micro-array techniques), risk management and prevention, and optimisation of surgical procedures including neo-adjuvant chemotherapy, sentinel node procedure and immediate breast reconstruction, with the overall theme to reduce side effects in breast cancer treatment by carefully de-escalating surgery and other treatment modalities. He is the author or co-author of about 420 articles and book chapters on different aspects of breast cancer, leading to an H-Index of 70. Prof. Rutgers is the principal investigator of the EORTC-AMAROS Trial (in sentinel node biopsy in breast cancer) and the EORTC MINDACT Trial, which is studying the value the 70-gene micro-array MammaPrint test in node negative and positive breast cancer. In 2017 he received the ECCO Clinical Research Award and in 2019 the ESSO Lifetime Achievement Award.