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What else do I want to say?

I work as an intensivist at the surgical ICU of the Dept. of Critical Care Medicine of the Ghent University Hospital. Apart from my clinical activities I also do research and hold a Sr. Clinical Investigator Fellowship Grant from the Research Foundation Flanders, focusing optimization of antibiotic therapy in critically ill patients.

My research activities currently focus on optimizing antibiotic therapy in severely ill infected patients to improve outcome and combat resistance development, with specific interest in PK/PD, therapeutic drug monitoring of antibiotics as well as antimicrobial stewardship. Clinical interests also include abdominal infections, source control and sepsis management, and trauma – in line with my rather unusual background of general surgery.

I strongly believe in the value of new technologies to improve the care of our patients, facilitate learning, and making our lives more balanced.

From a mentor perspective, I will be happy to discuss critical care career issues, research projects and work/life balancing challenges, and whatever topic that you may have in mind!