

CURRICULUM VITAE

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2001: Dr. med. University of Oslo
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Research area:

Environmental toxicants. PCB, HCB, DDE. Human milk. Reproductive outcome. Health effects. Breastfeeding.

Food allergy/intolerance in children: diagnostics, prevalence and parental misconceptions, restricted diets; risk factors, hygiene hypothesis, microbiota in infants.

Projects:

Merete Eggesbo MD, PhD, senior researcher, is an epidemiologist with her main interests in persistent environmental toxicants and child health. She is the founder and principal investigator of the Norwegian Human Milk Study (HUMIS), which aims at assessing the effect of exposure to persistent environmental toxicants on child health. This is a longitudinal population based study that has collected human milk from 2000 mothers. She is also the PI on the NoMic project, in which in a cohort of 550 children, the bacterial colonization of the gut is studied in relation to health effects.

At NIPH she is appointed consultant on a contract with The National Institute of Environmental Sciences (NIEHS, North Carolina,US) involving research on the environmental samples in MoBA (Norwegian mother child cohort of 100 000 children). She is used as a consultant for the Norwegian Scientific committee for Food Safety. She has an extensive scientific network of national and international collaborators (NoFima, Tromsø University hospital, Karolinska University, NIEHS in the US, EU projects involving partners in Belgium, the Netherlands and Slovakia). She is responsible for Norway's contribution to the WHO monitoring program on surveillance on environmental contaminants in milk.