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Dr van Santen is chair of the the European (ETA/ESPE) Recommendation for the Management of Pediatric Thyroid Nodules and Cancer. In addition, she chairs the SIOPe craniopharyngioma working group and the International Guideline Harmonization Groups (IGHG) for thyroid disorders and for hypothalamic-pituitary disorders, including GH safety, in children with or after treatment for cancer

Her research program focusses on the endocrine effects of childhood cancer treatment, with special interest for the hypothalamus, the pituitary gland, and the thyroid, aiming to preserve an intact endocrine system in children with cancer enabling normal growth and development of the child during and after childhood cancer treatment. Dr van Santen has co-authored more than 100 papers on the endocrine effects of cancer treatment in childhood, pediatric thyroid cancer or craniopharyngioma. She currently supervises 6 PhD students and plural medical students.