

Albert J.M. van Wijck (Bart) studied Medicine in Utrecht and was resident in Anaesthesiology in Heerlen and Maastricht. After 6 years in private practice, he moved to the University Medical Centre Utrecht and was appointed Head of the Pain Clinic in 1998. The Pain Clinic is a tertiary pain centre that has multi-disciplinary facilities to treat all types of pain, including radiofrequency nerve blocks, spinal cord stimulation, cognitive behavioural therapy and a pain management program. He initiated a post-graduate training in Pain Medicine for anaesthesiologists. Since 2001, seven fellows completed the training.

In 2002 Albert van Wijck obtained a MSc-degree in Clinical Epidemiology. His research is focussed on pain, especially herpes zoster and postherpetic neuralgia. In 2006 he wrote his PhD thesis “postherpetic neuralgia”, describing the results of the PINE-study (Prevention by epidural Injection of postherpetic Neuralgia in the Elderly), a cost-effectiveness analysis of a single epidural injection with bupivacaine and methylprednisolone for herpes zoster and a new Bayesian approach for analysis of quality of life in trials. He is (co-)author of several papers on pain, HZ and PHN and is involved in ongoing trials.