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# **Euthanasia Sarco (Sarcophagus) machine in VR to Premier at Amsterdam Funeral Expo on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

On 14 April during the funeral exhibition in Amsterdam's Westerkerk, a full-size depiction of Sarco (sarcophagus), the euthanasia capsule, will be displayed for the first time.

An art installation by design, Sarco is a 3D printed capsule to allow a person a peaceful passing. While the final Sarco model will be a fully functioning device, allowing a peaceful and dignified euthanasia death, at the Funeral Fair, Sarco will use Virtual Reality to provide the experience.

The Sarco is being developed as a collaboration between Exit International Director & Euthanasia Activist Dr Philip Nitschke and Haarlem Design Engineer Alexander Bannink.

The Sarco is intended to get people talking positively about death and with broader considerations than being afraid, scared or shocked. After all we are all going to die. Increasing numbers of us want some say in how we are going to die.

The Sarco will sit on a generator using liquid nitrogen. To activate Sarco, a person would step inside, lie down and, when ready, press the button. While being very peaceful, the hypoxic death will also have 'style and elegance'.

The top capsule of the Sarco can be detached and used at the person's coffin. The materials will be fully bio-degradable, thus preserving our precious environment.

Dr Nitschke has developed other euthanasia machines over his 20+ years involvement in the euthanasia debate. His first device was the Deliverance Machine, was used by four terminally ill patients in 1996 during Australia's Rights of the Terminally Ill Act. This machine was acquired by the British Science Museum in 1997 where it is on permanent display in the Wellcome Collection.

Other inventions include the CoGen (carbon monoxide generator) and the Destiny (a system which also uses carbon monoxide). A replica of the Destiny formed part of Dr Nitschkes 5-Starred 2016 Edinburgh Fringe comedy show titled 'Dicing with Dr Death'.

The Amsterdam funeral expo "Uitvaartbeurs Amsterdam" is a collaboration between BV [Uitvaart.Com](http://Uitvaart.Com) (funeral company) and BDK Media (media production).



The Sarco Euthanasia Machine Display and VR experience at Amsterdam Funeral Expo

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