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Dr. Kiekens is the head of clinic in the department of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) at the University Hospitals Leuven (UZ Leuven) in Belgium. After obtaining a medical degree at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) in 1988 she further specialised in PRM at the Leuven University with residencies abroad in Strasbourg (F) and Geneva (CH). In 1994 she obtained a Certificate in Medical Biostatistics at KU Leuven.

She started working at the PRM department of UZ Leuven in 1993 and is currently responsible for the rehabilitation protocol of spinal cord injury, peripheral nerve disorders, (adult) spina bifida, multiple trauma, burns and amputation. She is a consultant at the Fertility Centre of UZ Leuven for persons with a disability since 1995. Other fields of interest are spasticity management, ethics in rehabilitation, sexuality and disability, and organizational aspects of rehabilitation medicine.

In 2007 she published a report on "Organization and financing of musculoskeletal and neurological rehabilitation in Belgium", in collaboration with the Belgian Health Knowledge Centre. In 2008 she was accredited in Insurance Medicine and Medical Expertise. Since 2004 she is the President of the Technical Board of Mobility Aids and since 2013 an Expert at the Fund for Medical Accidents (FMO), both at the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI). She is a Senior Fellow of the European Board of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine.

She is a member of several societies and boards in Belgium and abroad. She is the general secretary of the ESPRM and deputy secretary of the Professional Practice Committee at the UEMS PRM Section. In 2014 she became a member of the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine. She is involved in academic activities and scientific research in several domains and published papers as well as book chapters. She (co-) organized several national and international congresses. She is participating in rehabilitation projects in low income countries, with Lumos (Leuven University Medical Development Cooperation and Solidarity) and the Asian and African Network for Spinal Cord Injury. She is a member of the Executive Board of Handicap International Belgium and a working member of the Board of the International Society of Prosthetics and Orthotics in Belgium. She is also a member of the ISPRM-WHO-Liaison Committee and is involved in the development of an International Classification of Service Organizations in Rehabilitation (ICSO-R).