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Carlotte Kiekens is a Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine physician (KU Leuven, Belgium) and has a Certificate in Medical Biostatistics. During her training she did PRM residencies in Strasbourg (France) and Geneva (Switzerland). Her clinical fields of interest are spinal cord injury, peripheral nerve disorders, (adult) spina bifida, multiple trauma, burns and amputation, spasticity management, ethics in rehabilitation, sexuality and disability, and organizational aspects of rehabilitation medicine.

She was head of clinic in the department of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) at the University Hospitals Leuven (UZ Leuven) in Belgium till December 2019. She moved to Italy in January 2020 where she became the director of the Spinal Unit at Montecatone Rehabilitation Institute in Imola (Bologna). From November 2021 till May 2023 she was the head of the PRM Unit at Ospedale San Giuseppe, IRCCS MultiMedica in Milan. She now is working as a researcher and advisor on several projects.

She is the chair of the ISPRM-WHO Liaison Committee and a member of the Cochrane WHO working group. She is a fellow of ISCoS (International Spinal Cord Society) and a Senior Fellow of the European Board of PRM. She was general secretary of ESPRM between 2015 and 2018 and was the chair of the Professional Practice Committee of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) PRM Section till September 2022. Now she is an expert. In 2014 she became a member of the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine. She has been involved in academic activities and scientific research in several domains and published over 180 papers and 20 book chapters. Her current H-Index is 28 (Scopus). She is the Specialty Chief Editor for the "Strengthening Rehabilitation in Health Systems" section within Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences. She (co-) organized several national and international congresses and participated in educational rehabilitation activities in low- and middle income countries.

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