

Short bio Carlotte Kiekens September 2024

Carlotte Kiekens is a Belgian Physical and Rehabilitation (PRM) physician, working in Italy since 2020, after 30 years at University Hospitals Leuven. There, she was Director of the Spinal Unit at the Montecatone Rehabilitation Institute and head of the PRM unit at IRCCS MultiMedica in Milan. She is currently working as a researcher at the IRCCS Galeazzi-Sant'Ambrogio Hospital, and the Italian Scientific Spine Institute (ISICO). Her main fields of interest are spinal cord injury, and (adult) spina bifida, polytrauma, amputation, ethics in rehabilitation, sexuality and disability, evidence-based practice and health policy and systems research in rehabilitation.

Internationally, Carlotte was Co-Director of the Cochrane Rehabilitation Field, which was founded in 2016, and became recently a Cochrane Thematic Group: "Functioning, Disability and Rehabilitation". She is a member of the External relations workstream of the WHO hosted World rehabilitation Alliance. She is a member of the European Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine, Senior Fellow of the EBPRM, expert of the UEMS PRM Section and ISCoS Fellow. She has been the chair of the ISPRM-WHO Liaison committee.