

Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast-Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek (TNO)

TNO Quality of Life, Department Prevention and Health Care has ample experience in the area of rheumatology in the health care setting as well as in the work setting. TNO has specific competence in Research and Monitoring is clear from the CVs of key staff members below. As a National operating non-profit institute, since 1997 TNO delivered every four years prevalence estimates of rheumatic disorders and their societal impact to the Dutch Rheumatic League against Rheumatism. From 1980 to 2001 TNO yearly registered diagnostic and prognostic data of patient population of 80% of the rheumatologists in the Netherlands. In 1993, TNO performed a study on the incidence and prevalence of rheumatic disorders in several echelons of health care, amongst general practitioners. TNO is a non-profit organisation working under Dutch law with the guidance of the Ministry of Health Welfare and Sports.

Key Staff

Dr. **Astrid M.J. Chorus**, born on 2 June 1967, is senior scientific researcher with expertise in epidemiology in the field of public health with special focus on rheumatic diseases with respect to quality of life and participation in society. She is specialised in collecting epidemiological data and estimating incidence and prevalence figures on rheumatic diseases. She is a member of several national and international professional bodies, including the Dutch Society of Epidemiology, Dutch Society of Medical Technology Assessment, International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care and the European Public Health Society. Astrid Chorus has a good relationship with the Dutch League against rheumatism and the patient organisation.

Dr. **Nico M.L van Meeteren**, born on 1 December 1959, is head of Department of Activity and Health TNO Quality of Life, with expertise in the field of physical therapy research with special focus on the elderly and chronically ill in the clinical setting. In a former job position he was director and founder of a computer internet tool to monitor patients under treatment of a physical therapist. This internet tool is now adopted by the physical therapist community in the Netherlands and is also implemented in the curriculum of the educational program of physical therapists in the Netherlands. Besides, Nico van Meeteren has a broad national and international network, which gives good opportunities to get easily access to data collected by others.

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