

Short bio Leen De Coninck

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After doing a Bachelor in Occupational Therapy, I went on to further my knowledge by graduating as a bachelor in Orthoptics. I continued to lessen my thirst in knowledge by graduating as a masters in Gerontology and following a course in 'research in general practice' (OHO-course). Currently I am a researcher (within a doctoral degree) on the topic of the effectiveness of occupational therapy on community dwelling physical frail elderly people.

At this moment I am operating in the field of gerontology, but I also have experiences in pediatrics, in particular on learning disabilities.

Since I became an occupational therapist, I use my knowledge and skills to:

- train health care students in occupational therapy, gerontology and evidence based practice,
- participate at developing policy visions on primary care,
- train clinicians in the methodology of EBP and guideline development and
- conduct research in the field of public health and primary care.

I am operating at a national level as representative for the profession occupational therapy, Vlaams Ergotherapeutenverbond vzw, in the field of public health and primary care and international as representative for OT Europe, an umbrella body for COTEC (Council of occupational therapists for the European countries) and Enothe (European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education).

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