

Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
CSC PhD 2015 Project Description

School/Department:	Department of General Practice – Primary Care Research, NIHES (Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences)
Project Title:	Diagnosis and prognosis of musculoskeletal disorders in primary care
Abstract:	<p>Musculoskeletal disorders occurs frequently in primary care. The etiology, diagnosis and prognosis are often unknown which hampers adequate management of patients presenting with these disorders in primary care.</p> <p>Our department is one of the international key-players in the field of musculoskeletal disorders in primary care. We are involved in a large number of cohort studies and clinical trials evaluating risk factors, the value of diagnostic and therapeutic interventions as well as studying the prognosis (and its determinants) of the most common musculoskeletal disorders presenting in primary care. This includes studies on osteoarthritis (hip, knee and hand), low back pain, sciatica, neck and shoulder pain, knee pain (patellofemoral pain syndrome) and ankle distortion. We also investigate sport injuries.</p> <p>Besides the department is active in writing systematic reviews and meta-analysis on these topics.</p> <p>The PhD-candidate will be active with (secondary) data-analysis, writing original research papers and systematic reviews within the field of musculoskeletal disorders in primary care.</p>
Requirements of candidate:	<p>Master degree: Yes</p> <p>Background: Medical Doctor, Health Scientist, Movement Scientist or comparable level or type of education.</p> <p>Preferably: Trained in (clinical) epidemiology (and/or willing to enter the NIHES-MSc-program on Clinical Epidemiology at ErasmusMC)</p> <p>IELTS Grade: 7.0 (minimal 6.0 per component) or TOEFL: 100 (minimal 20 per component)</p>
Supervisor information:	<p>Prof. dr. Bart W. Koes Email address: b.koes@erasmusmc.nl</p> <p>(personal) website: http://www.erasmusmc.nl/huisartsgeneeskunde/research/ Or see my profile on Research Gate</p> <p>Publication list: search for author: 'koes b*' in Pubmed (about 450 publications)</p>



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