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1. Current Status, Position

Francis Arickx is the Head of the directorate Reimbursement of Medicines and Pharmaceutical Policy within the Health Care Department at the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI RIZIV/INAMI) in Belgium where he manages the departments responsible for administrative and scientific assessment and appraisal of reimbursement claims for medicines, orphan drugs, medical nutrition,... Francis Arickx is the former secretary the Commission for Reimbursement of Medicines general for and acts as representative/expert for the Institute and Belgium on a number of national and European platforms (NM CAPR, MEDEV, MoCA,..). He is one of the country coordinators for the BeNeLuxA Initiative (www.beneluxa.org [1]). Francis graduated in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Ghent, Belgium and teaches 'Health Policy' in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department at the University of Antwerp.

2. Education

Francis Arickx studied pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Ghent, where he graduated in 1989.

3. Research Area

Francis Arickx has been working for the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance since 1999, focusing on pharmaceutical policy.

Conflict of interest: None

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