



Summary Frits Franssen

Prof. Dr. Frits Franssen (1973) is a pulmonologist with a clinical, scientific and educational focus on personalized treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). He is medical head of the department of Respiratory Medicine at Maastricht University Medical Center in the Netherlands. He is also medical director and member of the Board of Directors of CIRO+, a center of expertise for patients with chronic respiratory diseases in Horn, the Netherlands. He is professor of 'personalized management of COPD' at Maastricht University. His research focuses on unravelling the pathophysiology, complexity and heterogeneity of COPD and its extra-pulmonary features and comorbidities. He also focuses on pulmonary rehabilitation and individualized diagnostics and interventions for COPD.

Frits is the current secretary of ERS Assembly 1 on 'Respiratory Clinical Care and Physiology'. He is chairman of the ERS/ESC Taskforce on the management of cardiac comorbidities in hospitalized patients with exacerbation of COPD. He was a member of the Lancet COPD committee and was involved in several other ERS and ATS taskforces. He has co-authored more than 280 peer-reviewed English-language articles, has supervised 12 completed thesis to date and is currently supervising 14 PhD students. He is also deputy editor of *Respirology* and section editor of the *Dutch Journal of Medicine (NTvG)*. He regularly organizes scientific meetings and has his own Podcast with recent developments in the field of COPD. In 2019 he was appointed Fellow of the ERS.