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Maurits van Tulder has a MSc degree in Human Movement Sciences and a PhD in Epidemiology. In 1992, he started working as a PhD student at the EMGO Institute. His PhD thesis was on conservative treatment of non-specific low back pain. From 1996 to 1998, as a post-doc, he conducted several systematic reviews on low back pain that were included in *The Cochrane Library*.

Since that time he has been active within the Cochrane Back Review Group as an author, since 2002 as member of the Editorial Board and since 2007 as co-ordinating editor. He is also author of the method guidelines of the Back Review Group. His main research interests are musculoskeletal disorders, with a methodological focus on systematic reviews and economic evaluation.

In 2004, he was appointed as professor of Health Technology Assessment at the VU University Medical Centre and the VU University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. At the latter, he is head of the section of Health Economics & Health Technology Assessment.

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He is author of more than 220 scientific papers in peer reviewed scientific journals and a book on low back pain, several book chapters and editor of two books on conservative management for low back pain.

Maurits also participated in various guideline committees for low back pain in the Netherlands and was chairman of the European Committee COST B13 project on European Guidelines for the Management of Low Back Pain (1999-2005).