

Biography Eelco de Koning

Eelco de Koning is professor of diabetology at the Leiden University Medical Center and group leader at the Hubrecht Institute in the Netherlands. He received his medical doctorate at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, in 1991. Subsequently, he started research into islet biology and pathology at the Diabetes Research Laboratories in Oxford which resulted in a PhD in 1994. He was board certified in endocrinology in 2001. He was also a visiting scientist in the group of Susan Bonner-Weir and Gordon Weir at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston (2004-2005).

Currently Eelco de Koning coordinates the national islet transplantation program in the Netherlands. In the Leiden University Medical Center he heads the Diabetes section and the islet research group, including the human islet isolation and transplantation unit. He is principal investigator in the regenerative medicine consortium RegMedXB in the Netherlands that is focused on developing novel cell replacement strategies for patients with severe beta cell failure. He is past-president of the European Pancreas and Islet Transplantation Association (EPITA).