

**Kirsten Maertens**

Kirsten Maertens is an assistant professor at the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination of the University of Antwerp.

Prof. Maertens is mainly conducting research on maternal immunization. Her first research focus was on pertussis, but during the last years, her research is also broadened up to other vaccine preventable diseases like RSV, GBS and COVID-19. Prof. Maertens is also member of the working group "Vaccinations in Pregnancy" from the Belgian Superior Health Council.