Academic Collaborative Centres for Public Health

An Academic Collaborative Centre for Public Health is a long-term partnership between community health services and a university. The main purpose of the academic collaborative centre is to improve the knowledge transfer between practitioners, policy makers, researchers and the education sector. The ultimate goal is to improve public health policies at the local level.

Co-operation
Over the last decade eleven Academic Collaborative Centres have been established in the Netherlands to facilitate and foster closer co-operation between public health professionals and researchers on issues that emerge from the daily practice of public health. Research can be quick and bright into pressing issues, but can be more fundamental too. The results of these studies are, in turn, used in public health practice and policies.

Themes
The Academic Collaborative Centres cover a wide range of public health themes, ranging from youth health care to epidemiology, from infectious disease control to health promotion, and from public mental health to crisis management.

The role of ZonMw
ZonMw is the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development. ZonMw actively supported the establishment of the Academic Collaborative Centres for Public Health in two consecutive support programmes, commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Health.

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