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Leo Visser holds a position as Professor of Infection Diseases with specific interest in Travel Medicine at the Department of Infectious Diseases at the Leiden University Medical Center. He studied medicine at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium and graduated in 1985. He continued his medical training and was board certified for internal medicine in 1990 at the same University. He was registered as an infectious diseases specialist at Leiden University Medical Center in 1992 and obtained his PhD at the Leiden University in 1997. He was appointed professor in 2014.

Leo Visser is involved in clinical care, research, teaching and training in infectious diseases, with the emphasis on vaccine-preventable and tropical diseases, travel medicine and global health. He is head of the travel clinic, which is a centre for reference on travel medicine and vaccination in The Netherlands. He holds a lectureship at University of Leiden and at the Dutch National School of Public and Occupational Health. Leo Visser is the head of the training program Infectious Diseases as well as deputy-head of the postdoctoral education program for Internal Medicine in LUMC.

Leo Visser is a member of the steering committee of TropNet, the European Network on the Surveillance of Imported Infectious Diseases (www.tropnet.eu) and of the European Expert Committee for Travel Medicine. He is president-elect of the International Society of Travel Medicine. His current research activities involve vaccination responses in immunocompromized hosts, immuneresponse to yellow fever vaccine in elderly, and immunogenicity and safety of intradermally administered vaccines. Malaria vaccine research is performed in close collaboration with the Radboud Universtiy of Nijmegen with special emphasis on the search for biomarkers of protection in the controlled human malaria infection model.