

Letter about hospital research

The research is called the BRIDGE study.

Hello,

We would like to ask you to participate in a research study because you are currently staying or have stayed at the hospital and/or Jeroen Pit House. In this letter, we will explain everything about the research. Please read this letter carefully!

The aim of the research is to investigate how the care for you and your family is when you transition from the hospital to your home. We are conducting this research in various hospitals in the Netherlands to ultimately improve healthcare. In this letter, we will explain what it entails. Your parents will also receive information about it, and you can discuss the research with them. You are welcome to ask questions to the researchers as well. You will find their email at the end of this letter.

Participate

For the survey we ask you and your parents to fill in questions on the Klik website. For you, the questions are about, for example, whether you sleep well, sometimes have pain and how healthy you feel. We ask this just before you leave the hospital and when we are 3 and 12 months later. In addition, we would like to use data collected in the hospital in Amsterdam (or other hospitals) for research. You don't have to do anything for this.

Advantages and disadvantages

There are no direct benefits for you if you participate. It does help us gain more knowledge about healthcare. This, in turn, can possibly lead to better assistance for other children in the future. It will take approximately 10 minutes each time for you to complete the questionnaires.

If you participate

If you choose to participate in the research, both you and your parents will receive an email. In this email, you can click on a link to provide consent for participation and to allow us to collect your data. After that you can fill out the questionnaires. Your parents will receive a separate email.

If you don't participate

If you do not wish to participate, you don't need to take any action. You are also not required to provide a reason for not participating. Nothing will change.

If you want to stop participating in the research

Participation is voluntary. Therefore, you can always stop participating in the research. You are not required to provide a reason for stopping. You can inform your doctor or send an email to:

bridge@amsterdamumc.nl.

What happens with your data?

All data will be securely stored on the computer. So, except for the researchers, nobody will know that you participated. After the research, we will write a piece of text for other researchers. In this text, your name will not be mentioned. We will keep your data for 10 years and might be performing a follow-up research. We will ask again if you want to participate in that case.

Do you have questions?

You can always ask questions to your parents, doctors, or researchers. You can send an email to:

bridge@amsterdamumc.nl

Thank you for reading this letter! On behalf of the entire research team.

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