

# INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

## Rights of minor patients

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The rights of the child as a patient are also stipulated in the Medical Treatment Contracts Act (WGBO) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### Consent

The WGBO and the GDPR stipulate that a medical examination or medical treatment may only be performed if the patient has consented to it. These laws also impose an obligation on the practitioner to ensure that the patient is given all the information necessary to make a decision.

In any case, the patient should be informed about:

- the purpose of the examination or treatment
- the nature of the examination or treatment
- the expected results and potential risks.

The patient must also be informed of any other treatment options and what they entail. In normal daily life, the parents or legal guardian make decisions for their child. The situation is different when it comes to medical care. The WGBO Act states the following:

Children under 12 years

Children up to the age of 12 are fully under the control of the parents or legal guardian. According to the law, however, the parents or legal guardian must consider the child's views and wishes regarding medical treatment and examinations.

- the parents or legal guardian enter into a treatment agreement with the practitioner and must give their consent;
- the child must be involved in the decisions that are made as much as possible
- the parents or legal guardian must be informed
- the child must also be informed in a way that they can understand the parents or legal guardian have the right to inspect the medical file;

- the children do not. If the parents or legal guardian wish, they can go through the file, or part of it, with the child.

Special rules apply to special situations. You can find them on the website [www.kindenziekenhuis.nl](http://www.kindenziekenhuis.nl).

One of those exceptions is:

- the care provider may always act without the consent of the parents or legal guardian in an emergency when they must intervene immediately to prevent adverse consequences for the child.

#### Children from 12 to 16 years old

- By law, children between 12 and 16 years old have an important controlling interest of their own.
- in addition to the parents or legal guardian, the child must also consent to an examination or treatment
- both the child and the parents or legal guardian have the right to be informed
- the child has the right to inspect their medical file. The child's consent is required if the parents or legal guardian wish to view the child's medical file.

There are also rules for special situations here.

- if the parents or legal guardian consent but the child does not want the treatment, the care provider will respect the child's decision if it does not have serious consequences for the child
- if the child's life is in danger in an emergency, a care provider may always act, even if they have not obtained consent for the treatment from the parents or legal guardian and the child.

#### Children aged 16 years and older

The law equates children from the age of 16 with adults.

- They can decide independently whether they consent to a medical examination or treatment
- no consent is required from the parents or legal guardian; they have the right to be fully informed; the parents or legal guardian will only be informed if their child agrees
- they have the right to inspect their medical file; this does not require consent from the parents or legal guardian
- the parents or legal guardian may view the medical file if the child agrees.

The same thing applies here:

if the child's life is in danger in an emergency, a care provider may always act, even if they have not obtained consent from the parents or legal guardian and the child.

#### Obligations

As well as the minors themselves, the parents and legal representatives are also obliged to inform the care provider honestly and completely about your medical situation and actively cooperate in the child's recovery.

Parents, legal representatives and children must behave appropriately towards all hospital staff. They must all familiarise themselves with and adhere to the hospital's house rules.

Until the minor is able to do this in person, parents and legal representatives must identify themselves with a valid proof of identity that includes the citizen service number. Parents must have a valid ID for their children when they go to a care provider. The identification requirement applies from birth.

The parents and legal representatives of the minor must keep their hospital appointments or cancel them on time.

The parents and legal representatives must pay the hospital for the treatments not covered by insurance.

The parents and legal representatives may be asked to sign a statement if they want to take the minor out of the hospital or end the treatment without the permission of your attending physician. Minors aged 12 and above must agree to this.

We consider the privacy of our patients, visitors and employees important. If you take a photo, video or sound recording of the child during the stay or at the hospital in which an employee, patient or visitor can be seen or heard, you must obtain their permission.

Cameras have been installed throughout the hospital to protect your and our belongings.

#### More information

You can find more information about the rights and obligations of minor patients on

- our website [www.maasstadziekenhuis.nl/privacyverklaring](http://www.maasstadziekenhuis.nl/privacyverklaring);
- the website of the national government.

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De informatie in deze folder is belangrijk voor u. Als u moeite heeft met de Nederlandse taal, zorg dan dat u deze folder samen met iemand leest die de informatie voor u vertaalt of uitlegt.

The information in this brochure is important for you. If you have any difficulties understanding Dutch, please read this brochure together with somebody who can translate or explain the information to you.

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I: [www.maasstadziekenhuis.nl/mijn](http://www.maasstadziekenhuis.nl/mijn) (patient portal)

