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#### Problem

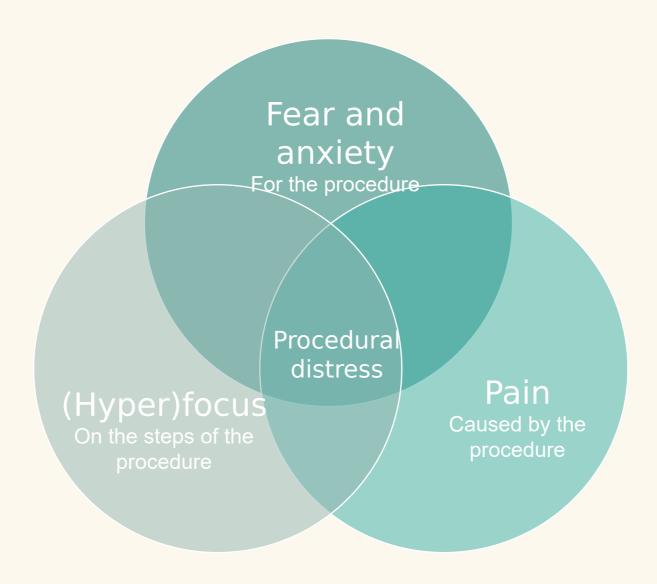
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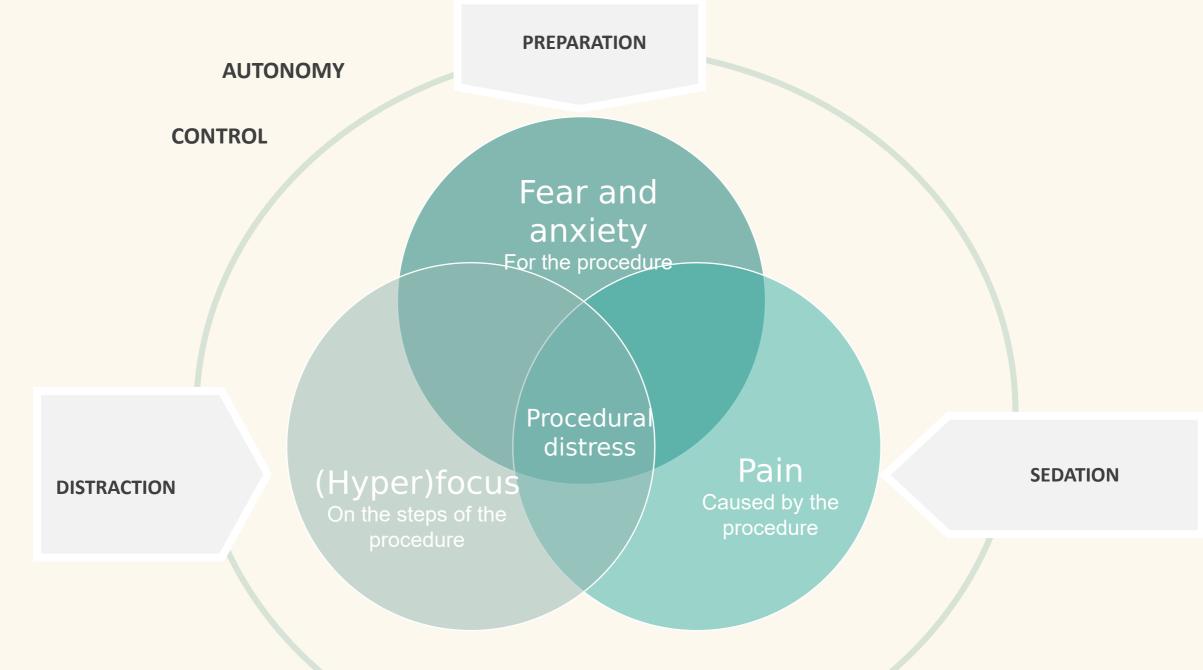
Increased risk for needle fear and hospitalinduced anxiety

Increased burden on parents and healthcare professionals

- Poor quality scans
- High failure rate MRI scans due to movement artifacts
- Need for sedation







Adapted from Common office procedures and analgesia considerations Baxter A. (2013) *Pediatric Clinics of North America*, 60 (5), pp. 1163-1183.

## Distraction during waiting



## Feeling of being in control



Tailored to the hospital and child's journey



# Development of a game for the Hospital Hero app that aims to empower children and parents in home-based preparation

How does the hospital look like?

Is it going to hurt?

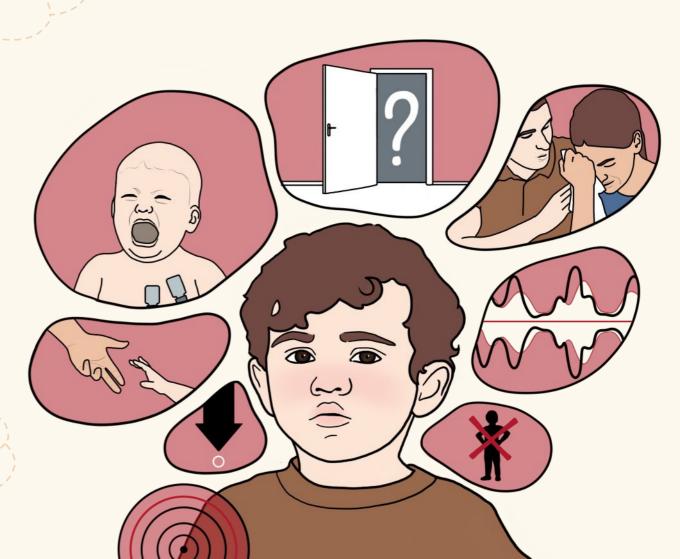
What is going to happen?

Do I have to go alone?

Who will be there to help me?

Why do I have to goto the hospital?

What is that noise?











### To evaluate the app's usage, perceived impact, and identify

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3 month pilot study at radiology departments

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#### Study

#### methodology

- observations
- online survey for parents
- survey healthcare professionals' radiology department
- data app usage







#### Recruitment

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- posters
- stickers
- collecting box
- postal package





Colourful envelope

#### Results

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#### Short survey

Perspective of healthcare professionals







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Conducted 9 semi-structured interviews with children (4-10y) and parents

Collected 7 filled in booklets

Performed 20 observations in the waiting room of one hospital



#### Key Findings

The app decreases perceived stress in the preparation of and during the first examination.

'I found it less stressful, because I knew what would happen which I saw in the app'

- Child, 9v

App content child friendly and clear and while children like that animals explain instead of humans, it also helps parents to guide their child.

'I like that not humans show everything in the app, but a pinguin' - Child, 8y

> 'It takes away the difficult words you try to come up with to relax your child while still being close to the reality'

> > - Mother child, 9y

#### Key Findings

The postal package is appreciated, makes children curious and stimulates them to download the app

I never receive post, so I liked that a lot!

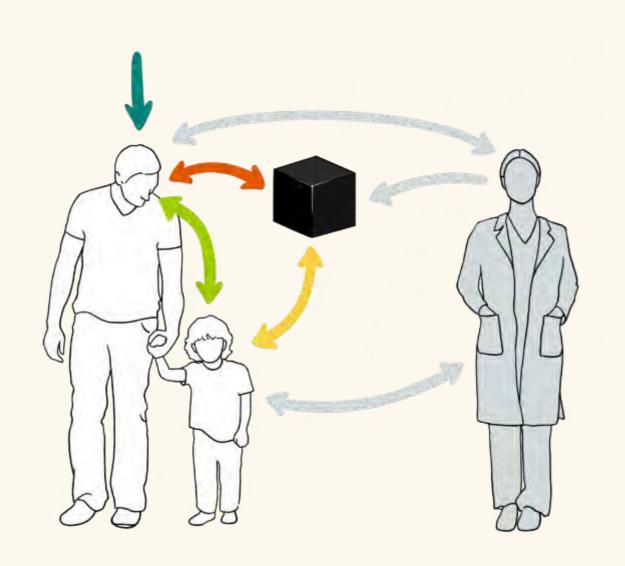
- Child, 7y

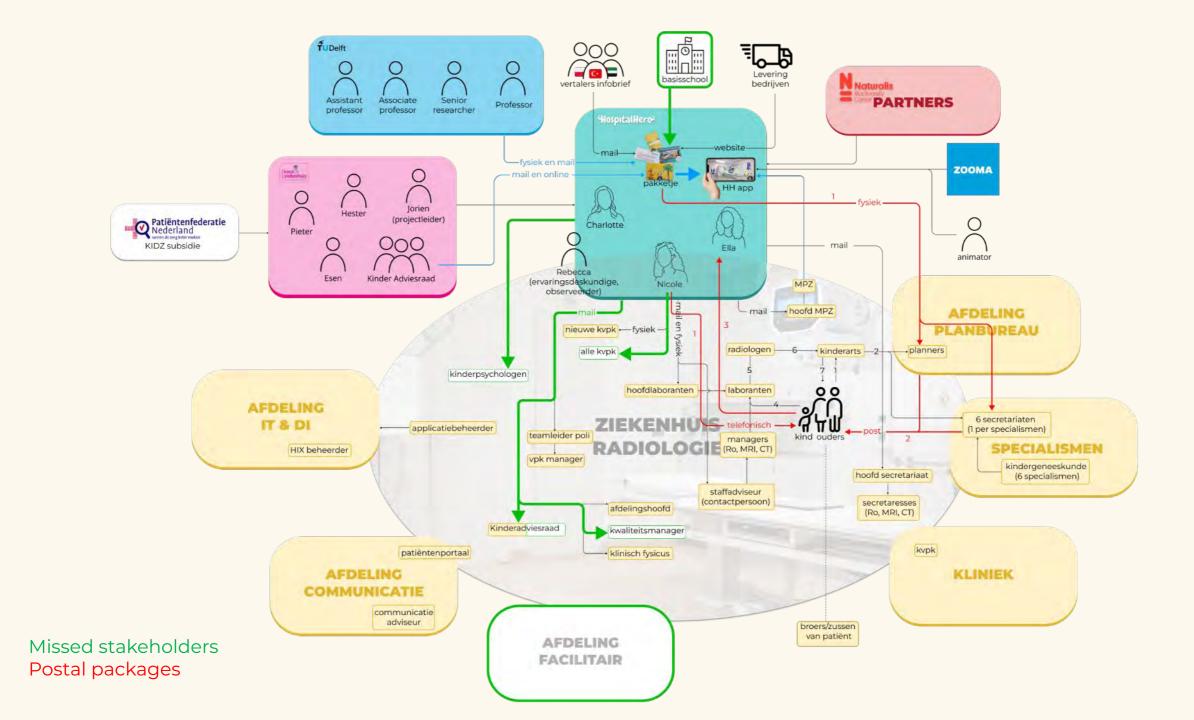
To contain frequent app use, the app must adapt to different ages and updated regularly with new things to discover

'I'll continue playing until I become older, because it will become too childish'

- Child, 9y

#### Lesson's Learned





Future directions for Even

Development of an Even Spieken parental layer

[Pediatric nurse]: "This would save us so much time if it were truly implemented. That would be truly fantastic, because that's just what we encounter in our daily lives; children and parents who simply don't know how to approach this [a hospital visit]."

Extend narrative of animals with physical attributes or reward system

Extend Even Spieken for other examinations (e.g. operation room, lung function testing)

**Blood drawing** 

Cardiogram

ECG







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episode



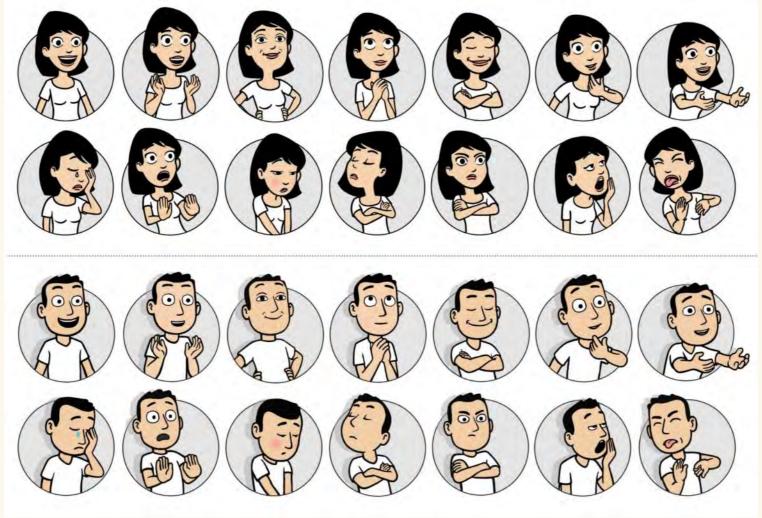
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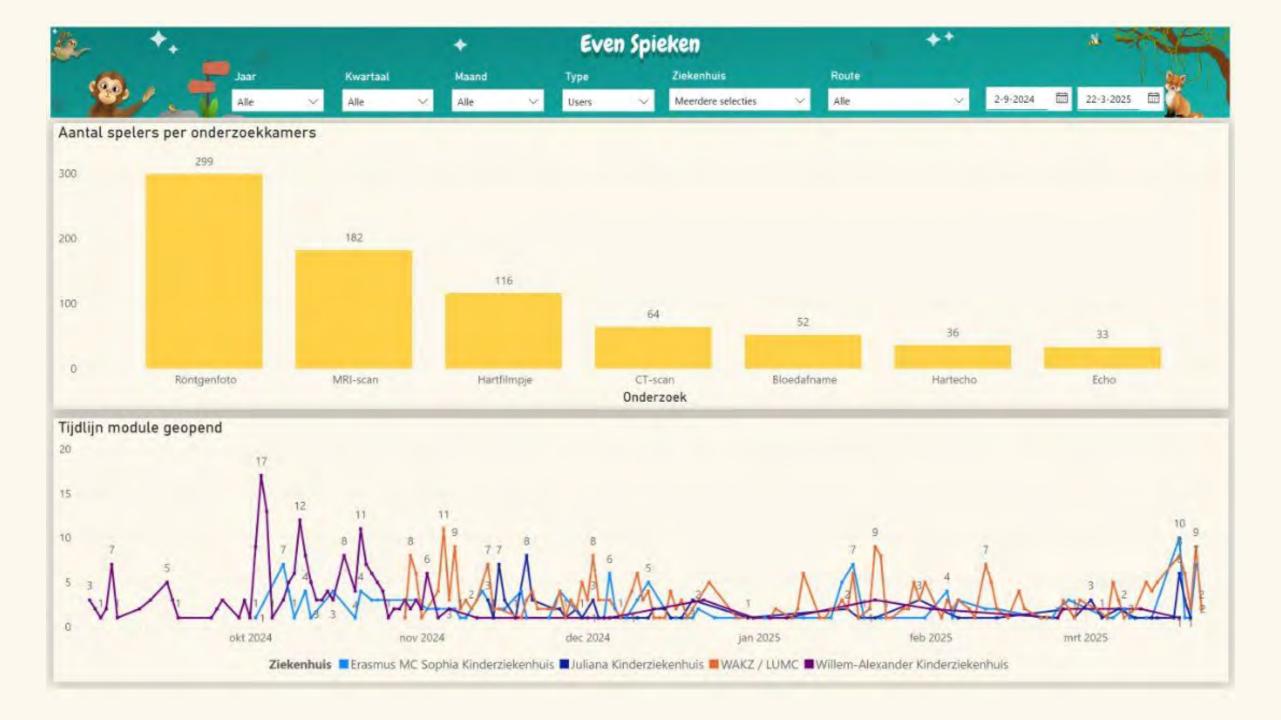
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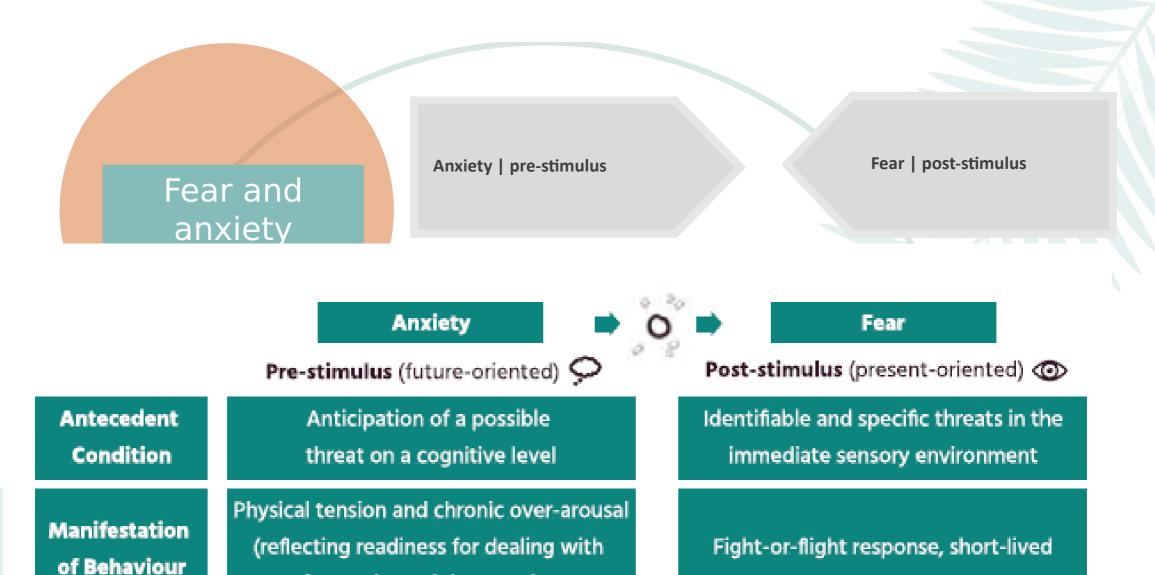
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#### PrEmo's







▲ Table 1. The difference between fear and anxiety. The content is based on Perusini & Fanselow (2015) and Heeren (2020).

future danger), long-acting

Fear and anxiety for the procedure

		TARGET GROUP (4-10 years old)		
Age	0-2 years old	2-7 years old	7-11 years old	11+ years old
	Fear of strangers (Dutch: Eenkennigheid)		Fear of physical harm, illness, and death	Fear of disfigurement
	Seperation anxiety (Dutch: Verlatingsangst)		Fear of the dark and being alone	Anxiety about social rejection, loss of social status, and humiliation
Developmental Fears and Anxiety		Fear of unfamiliar and excessive stimuli	Fear of social rejection	Anxiety about intercourse and intimicy
			racters, events and magical thinking	Anxiety about the future
			Fear of family discruption	
			Fear of failing school	

<sup>▲</sup> Table 2. Overview of developmental fears. The content is based on Knipping (n.d.) and Vleugel-Ruissen & Keijzer (2019).