

## THE RADIOACTIVE-TREATMENT ROOM

### Introduction

Your child is about to be admitted for radioactive treatment to the *Boomhut* ward in room 281 or 283. As your child gives off radiation to the environment (people and things) for some time during and after treatment, they will be nursed in isolation. The room looks different from the other rooms. There is a special sticker on the door of the lock.

### Parent's room

The parent room is not next to, but opposite your child's. You can always see and speak to each other via a screen. You may care for your child yourself.

### Lock

You enter the room through a lock. The lock contains all the items needed to care for your child. In front of the lock there is an entrance hall that the lock of the other room also opens onto. There are radiation meters in the entrance hall.

### Floor

The floor of the room and part of the bathroom and lock is covered with absorbent paper. This is easy to replace if the floor becomes radioactively contaminated. Your child may draw on the paper. Cutting it is not allowed.

### Lead screens

There are one or two movable lead screens in the room. With the screen positioned between you and your child, you are exposed to less radiation. The screens are heavy and difficult to move. They remain in the room throughout your child's stay in hospital.

### Entering and leaving the room

When you go into the room, always put on slippers, gloves and an overcoat and take a radiation meter with you. Upon hospitalization, we explain how to do this and how to use the radiation meter.

When you leave the room, take off your gloves, slippers, and overcoat on the taped up area of the lock. Before you leave the entrance hall, check yourself on the hand-foot monitor.

### Measuring radiation

A few times a day, the nurse will measure the amount of radiation at one meter from your child.

### Items

Because everything in the room becomes radioactive, you are not allowed to take anything outside. Anything that needs to go out during hospitalization will be checked by the radiation technician or nurse. All other items are checked at the end of the treatment.

### Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the nurse or radiation technician.

## Telephone numbers

### Emergency line:

088-9729257

### Princess Máxima Center:

088-9727272, ask for the care coordinator of the *Boomhut/Vuurtoeren* ward

### Transfer nurse:

*Bureau Zorgbemiddeling UMC Utrecht* (Care Mediation Office):

088-7557361, [bzu@umcutrecht.nl](mailto:bzu@umcutrecht.nl) for questions about appointments with home care and ordering materials, available Mon-Fri from 8:00 to 18:30, Saturday from 8:30 to 17:00.