

# Does making a wish come true do more than just that? An investigation into changes in quality of life and coping in children with a life threatening disease.

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Recruiting
<b>Health condition type</b>	Other condition
<b>Study type</b>	Observational non invasive

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON30902

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

Influence of wish fulfillment for children on quality of life and coping

### Condition

- Other condition

### Synonym

Quality of life and coping

### Health condition

levensbedreigende ziekte

### Research involving

Human

## Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Stichting Doe Een Wens

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Stichting Doe Een Wens

## Intervention

**Keyword:** Children, Coping, Quality of life

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

Quality of life of the child after the wish fulfillment.

### Secondary outcome

Coping of parents and child

## Study description

### Background summary

This project is aimed at investigating the effect of wish fulfillment of children with a serious illness, by the Doe Een Wens Stichting, which is The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of the Netherlands, affiliated to The Make-A-Wish Foundation® International. This foundation receives requests from sick children who would like to see their biggest wish become reality. Anecdotal evidence, from children and parents, suggests that the effect of the wish fulfillment goes beyond the particular event. Reactions from children and parents indicate that it may have an effect on the general quality of life of the child, and the course of the illness, that it may influence the way the family deals with the illness, and may have a long-term effect because of the strength of the memories of the event.

### Study objective

The aim of the study is to assess the enduring effect of the wish fulfillment on the quality of life of children and parents.

### Study design

A group of parents will be interviewed.

## Study burden and risks

Participation in the study may be considered as a burden since the subject matter may potentially be upsetting. However, experiences of bereaved parents have recently been studied and research has shown that while parents may find talking about their child's death upsetting, since the subject is naturally upsetting, the interview experience in itself is not viewed as stressful; rather parents evaluate the experience of participating in research as positive and even useful (see protocol).

## Contacts

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

Having experienced a wish fulfillment by the Stichting Doe Een Wens.

## Exclusion criteria

Dutch language skills not sufficient to undergo an interview

## Study design

### Design

**Study type:** Observational non invasive

Masking: Open (masking not used)

Control: Uncontrolled

Primary purpose: Other

### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruiting

Start date (anticipated): 07-01-2008

Enrollment: 40

Type: Actual

## Ethics review

Approved WMO

Date: 20-12-2007

Application type: First submission

Review commission: METC Erasmus MC, Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam (Rotterdam)

## Study registrations

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register	ID
CCMO	NL18336.078.07