

Dear readers,

Our daughter Nynke is seriously ill and needs your help. Nynke has instability of the upper cervical vertebrae. This progressive condition has a major impact on Nynke's functions. Symptoms include pain, balance disorder, muscle weakness, and sensitivity to light and sound. As a result, she spends an average of 20 hours a day in bed in a dark room. Nynke was referred to a neurosurgeon at the Leiden University Medical Center in 2020 here in the Netherlands. According to the LUMC, after studying the imaging, there is an excessive range of motion between two cervical vertebrae. Nynke has since been on the waiting list at the LUMC for an operation as part of a study. This very complicated operation involves securing the skull to the cervical vertebrae.

Due to the complicated diagnosis and treatment and everything that comes with it, and also due to the delay due to COVID-19, the start of the study has unfortunately not been forthcoming. The expertise with regard to this unique type of operation on this patient group is located in Spain and in the United States. That is why we traveled to a specialized clinic in the Teknon hospital in Barcelona on New Year's Eve 2021. Atlanto-axial instability was separately confirmed by two neurosurgeons. In addition, Nynke also has clinical and radiological criteria for craniocervical instability.

The operation is scheduled for June 3, 2022 and can only go ahead when sufficient funds have been raised. It concerns an amount of € 95,000. These costs are not reimbursed by Dutch health insurers. That is why the Nynkes Kans Foundation was established. Through crowdfunding, the foundation tries to raise money for Nynke's medical treatments in Barcelona. We ask you to help us make this operation possible. You can donate at www.nynkeskans.nl or by transfer to account number NL53 BUNQ 2068 0577 35 in the name of: Nynkes Kans Foundation. In addition, we're asking a number of companies to sponsor the Nynkes Kans Foundation. If your company is interested in sponsoring, the company logo will then appear on the website. The foundation is also promoted on Facebook. Please give Nynke a chance!

On behalf of Nynkes Kans Foundation

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