

## Popular scientific project description for project funded by Ekhagastiftelsen

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Application number:	2021-70
Project title:	Complementary and Alternative Medicine Support for Children with Cancer
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Project start (yyyy-mm-dd): *	2022-01-01
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Project description: (max 150 words)

An increasing number of parents choose complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) for treatment and cure of cancer in their children in addition to conventional therapy. CAM can help to minimize side effects of cancer treatment and to improve the general quality of life and well-being. Therefore, authoritative and reliable access to information about CAM modalities is needed to support parents in their search for potential supportive treatment options for their children with cancer.

The aim of the project is to extend, update and implement an existing evidence based CAM decision support tool available in the Netherlands (see <http://www.complementairezorg-vokk.nl/>). In order to do so an extensive literature review will be conducted on pain, fatigue and nausea and supplemented with information from NAFKAM. The tool will be implemented in the Dutch health care system. User experiences of parent and physicians will be evaluated and a research agenda will be developed.

\* Dates for project start and end should be the dates for which the grant is received (Not dates for total project if longer than period for which grant is received)