



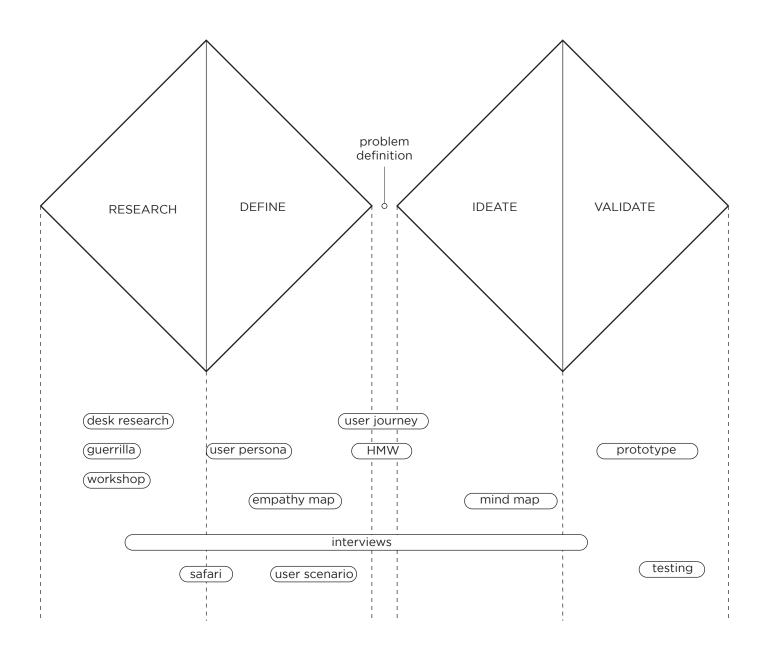
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"Dear Kid" is an initiative designed for the pediatric patients at Sant Joan de Déu Hospital. This project involves a physical kit, which includes a diary and a doll, offered to patients. The diary is intended to be a companion throughout patient's hospital journey, serving as a space for reflection and personal growth for the children. The doll provides comfort and emotional support, helping to ease the anxiety and stress associated with hospitalization. Together, these elements form a physical kit aimed at enhancing the emotional well-being of pediatric patients.











Hospitalized children often experience significant stress, anxiety, and feelings of isolation. Emotional well-being is crucial for overall recovery and positive hospital experiences.

There is a lack of consistent and effective tools for providing emotional support to pediatric patients.



Families often feel unprepared and uncertain about how to support their child's emotional needs during hospitalization. Engaged and informed families can significantly enhance the emotional and psychological well-being of the child.

There is a need for structured guidance and resources to empower families in their supportive roles.



Communication barriers between children and medical staff can hinder effective care and emotional support. Children often struggle to articulate their feelings, fears, and needs in a hospital setting.

Encouraging self-expression can help children process their experiences and reduce anxiety.



DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT RESOURCES THAT CATER SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEEDS OF HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN.



EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO ENGAGE ACTIVELY IN THEIR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL CARE BY PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPORT.



CREATING A GROWING EXPERIENCE THAT EQUIPS WITH SELF AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION TOOLS THAT EXTEND BEYOND THEIR HOSPITAL STAY AND BENEFIT THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES.





After the research and ideation phase where we identified the needs and pains of our targets, we have managed to design an physical product that can seamlessly integrate into the hospital ecosystem. It consists of a Kit box, called "DeaR Kid" composed: a personal diary, an educational doll, a selection of stickers, and, lastly, an illustrative sheet for caregivers.







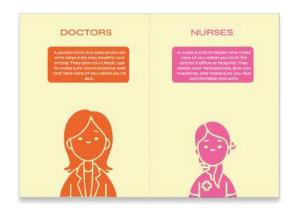
Dear Diary is the most crucial component of the Kit. Its purpose is to accompany the pediatric patient throughout the hospitalization journey. Containing three fundamental parts, it aims to cover various aspects of the experience; the first part focuses on Self-awareness, followed by the section of Playful Distraction, and finally, the part dedicated to feedback and daily thoughts

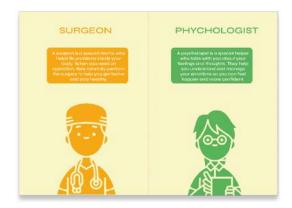




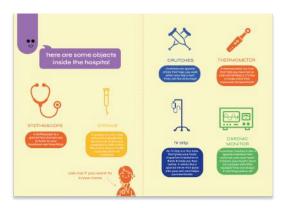
SELFAWARENESS section

During the research phase, we identified several reasons why patients might become stressed, one of which is the lack of immediate understanding of their situation. Therefore, we have dedicated a section of the diary to clarifying various aspects of the hospital: one section is dedicated to exploring the building, another to introducing the professional figures within the departments, and a final one to acquainting the patient with some medical tools.





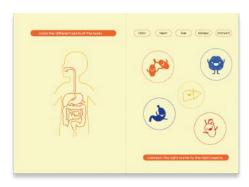


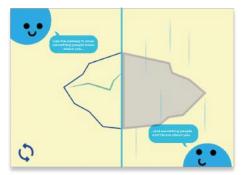


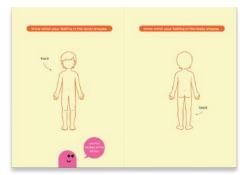


DISTRACTION section

The distraction section was developed following interviews and desk research. One of the most challenging aspects for pediatric patients in the hospital is combating moments of boredom and waiting. Between visits, treatments, and other internal dynamics, children often find themselves in situations where it is difficult to fight boredom. Therefore, we have included several pages where children can have fun and learn by drawing and completing small activities

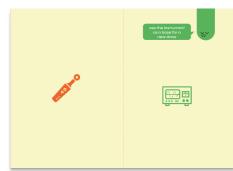








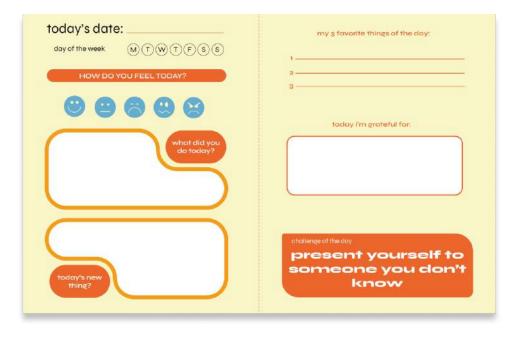






TODAY'S section

The "Today's" section is the part of the diary where the child can express themselves daily, featuring various features with a free and open structure conducive to the child's expressiveness.



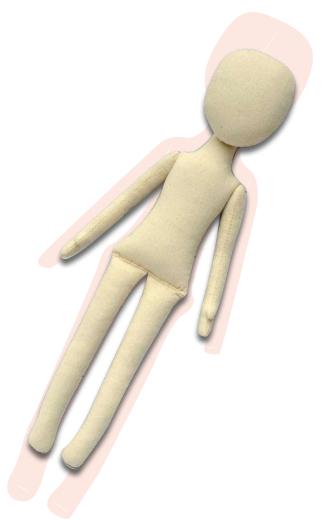




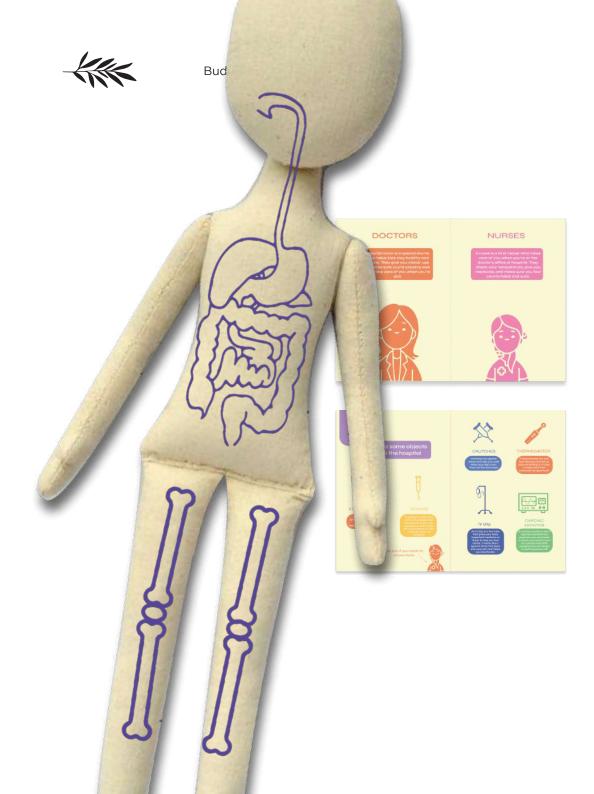


The Buddy Doll is the second component of the kit and aims to address one of the stressors identified in pediatric patients, which is to make them more aware of the medical procedures they will undergo. In this process of empowerment, the doll will collaborate with nurses before a treatment and serve as a model to show the patient where and how the treatment will be performed.





As previously mentioned, it is used before treatments or operations to explain the procedures to the child. Thanks to its fabric, it is easy to draw on, allowing social workers or nurses to show the points and parts of the body involved. They will also use the diary to indicate the professional who will perform the treatment and the specific tool that will be used.





Take a closer look at the project in more detail by clicking the link

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