

A device developed in Málaga takes school classes to the rooms of hospitalized minors

DURATION: 1'53"

LOCATION: GRANADA

SUMMARY: Researchers of the University of Málaga have designed a device that allows hospitalized children to continue with their education even if they are not able to leave their room. From there, they will be able to follow classes and leisure activities developed at the hospital classroom. This system, pioneer in Spain, started to be tested at the San Cecilio Hospital in Granada a few months ago. Using a webcam and a microphone, the minor can interact with the teacher and with the rest of the students.

VTR:

AMBIENCE

"It is a dinosaurs encyclopedia. Are you interested in it?"

Their objective is to make their stay at the hospital nicer and allow them to continue with their school lessons in case they have to stay in the hospital for a long time. Since 25 years ago, hospital classrooms of the Andalusian Health Service help to get over this difficult moment of their lives.

TOÑI BOLÍVAR
Teacher of the hospital classroom

"Our intention is to make the boy's life as similar as possible to his normal life, his daily routine. We even have recesses."

But what happens if the student isn't able to leave the room? It is Lorenzo's case. He has been in the hospital for twenty days and he has been able to assist to the classroom just a few times. A webcam and this device allow him to participate in the class as the rest of the students.

AMBIENCE

-"We have to work a little with your book, ok?" -"Ok."

ANTONIO MUÑOZ
Director of pediatrics

"It is for the patient that for several reasons: isolation, immobilization, because his disease doesn't allow him to leave his room. We all know that the hospital environment is bad for the children's psychological state. So we allow him to interact with his partners and the teacher through a computing device."

It is a pioneer investigation project in Spain, that has been promoted by the University of Málaga, and that is being tested at the San Cecilio Hospital in Granada.

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"A child that stops attending school because he is at the hospital, there's no doubt that his education is going to be interrupted, as well as his social and communication activities. One of the objectives of this Project was to avoid that."

LORENZO DUEÑAS
Father of a hospitalized minor

"His classroom is here, he sees the other children, that motivates him."

Because school here is more than lessons, it is also part of the therapy.

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