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Reverse Isolation in pediatric oncology: Sense or nonsense?

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The policy regarding reverse isolation in pediatric oncology, in particular in patients with long periods of neutropenia, e.g. following AML induction therapy, differs widely between pediatric oncology centres and countries. Research directed towards establishing the sense or nonsense of different

reverse isolation procedures seems to be lacking. From the nursing point of view, we are anxious about the negative effects of strict reverse isolation measures on the affected child regarding psychosocial isolation from parents, siblings and friends. In addition, we are worried that the isolation barrier may prevent the isolation child from appropriate nursing attention. It was therefore decided that we, as a group, would want to stimulate thinking and research in order to be able to provide rational and sound guidelines towards appropriate nursing care for patients in nadir periods, respecting the need for protection as well as the child's and family's need for psychosocial support and communication. Different models as in current use in our centres will be presented.