

Cross border cooperation for paediatric emergency care between Germany and the Netherlands; sustaining the cooperation

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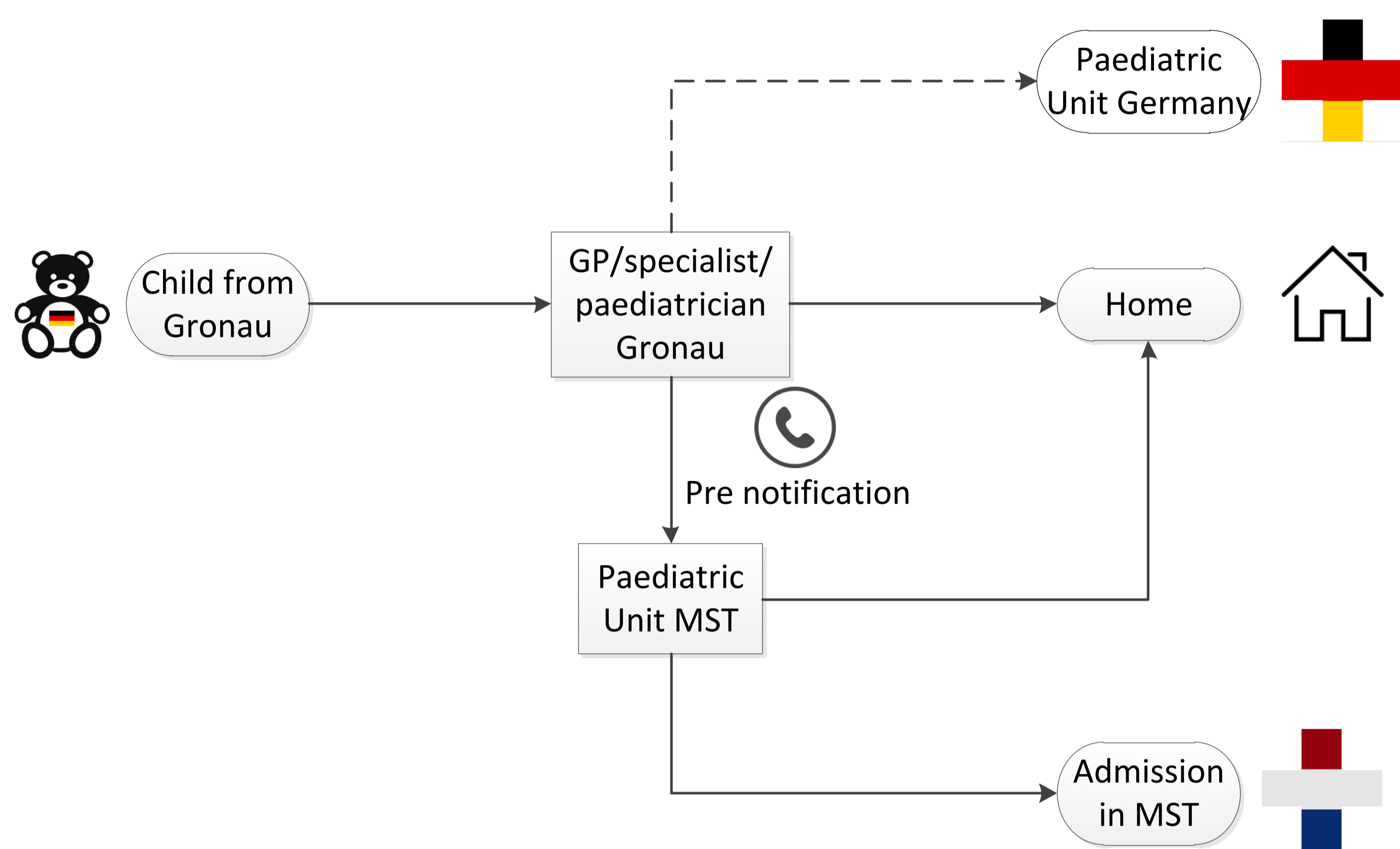
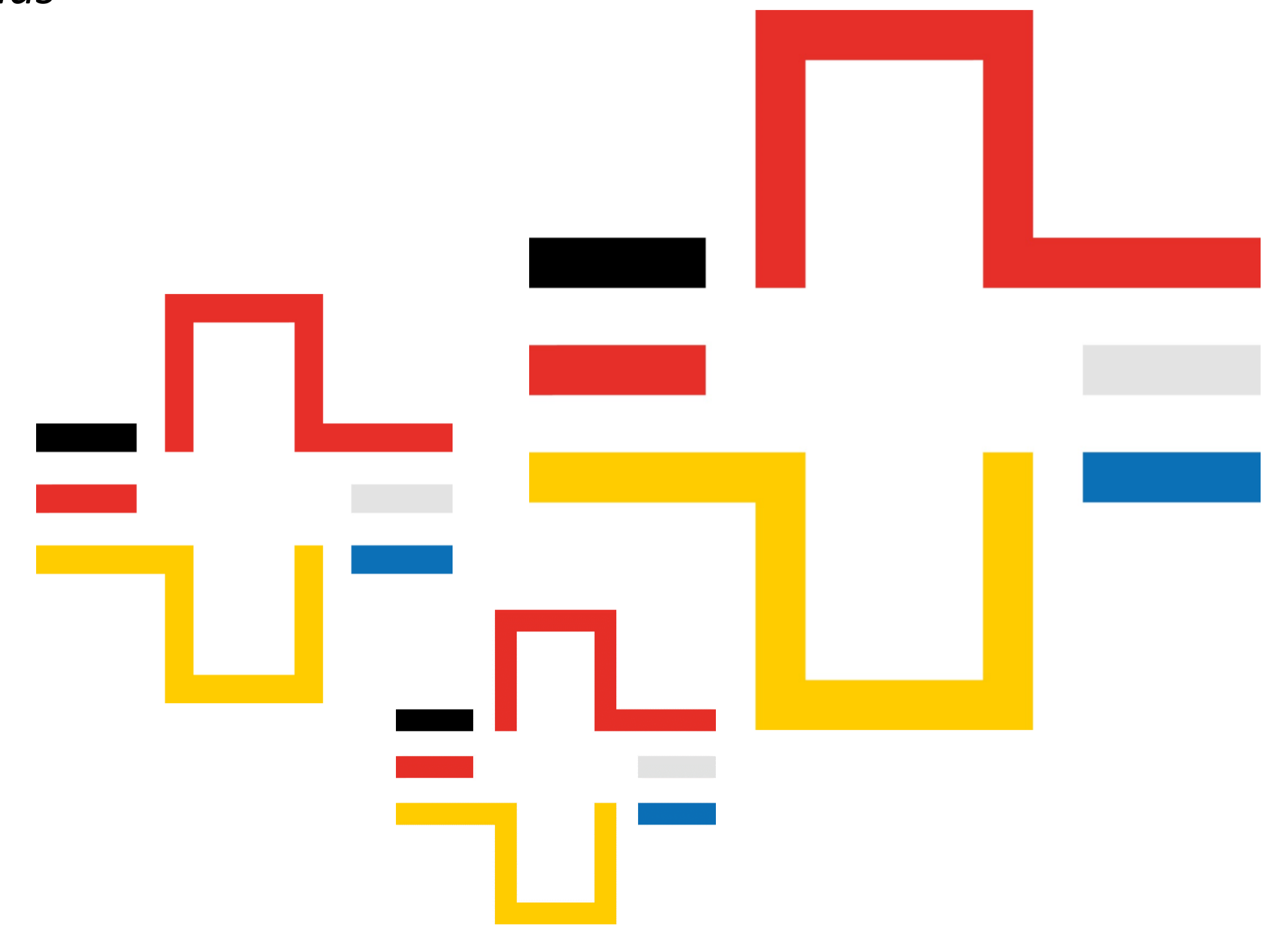
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2014

Initial situation

Structural access problem in paediatric emergency care in Gronau, Germany

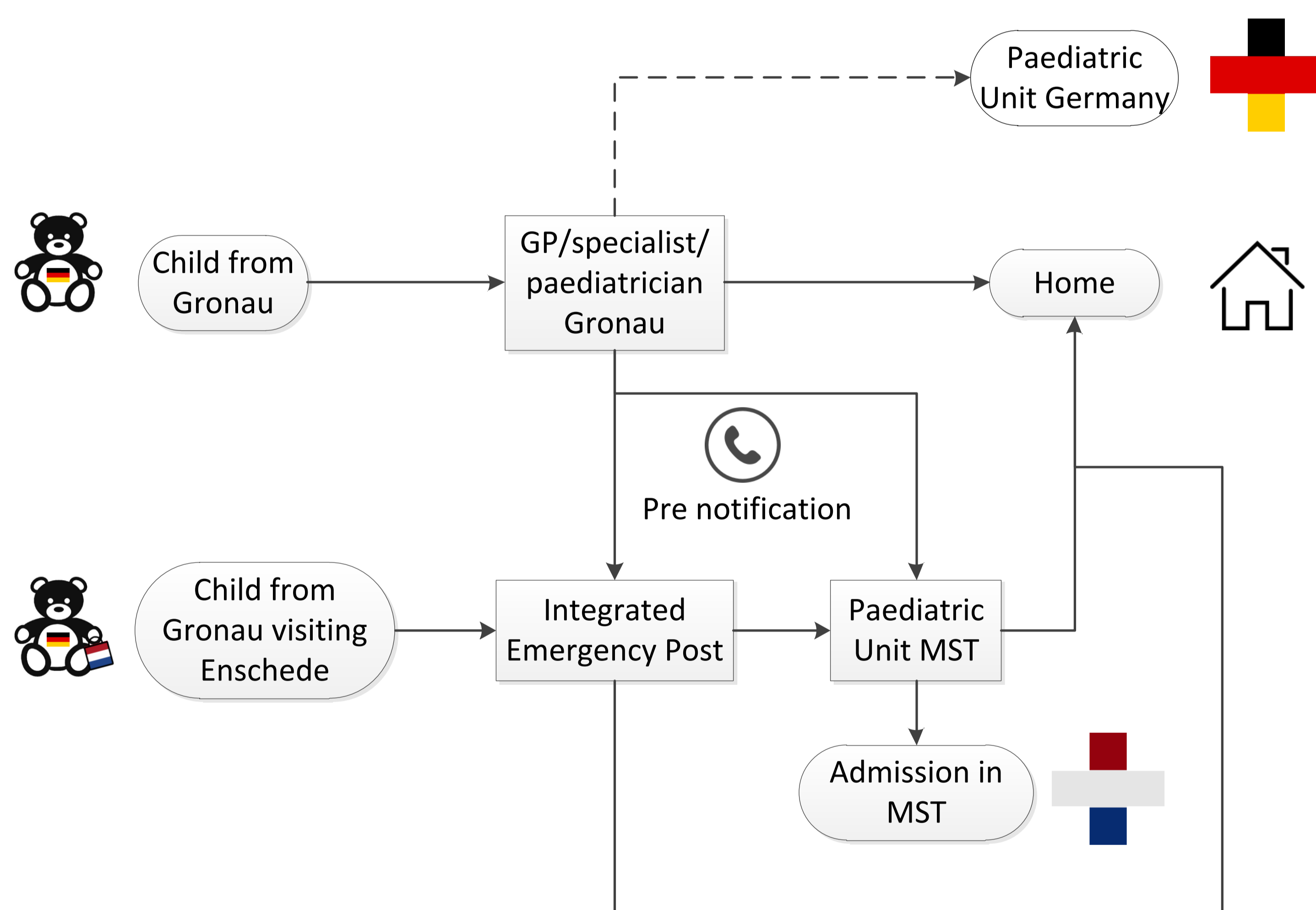
- > 43km to the nearest paediatric unit in Germany
- < 15km to MST with paediatric unit in Enschede the Netherlands
- the MST Hospital receives some visiting children living in Gronau with acute need /trauma need



2015

Establishment cross border cooperation

- GP's, specialist and paediatrician from Doctors from Gronau and paediatricians of MST
- Dutch system leading
- Pre-notification by Gronau doctors essential
- Child straight to Paediatric Unit



2016

Organisational change

- MST opened new Hospital
- Integration of General Practitioners Post and the ED in one Integrated Emergency Department (IEP)
- the GP Post performs the triage of all the self referrals presented at the IEP

Result cross border care

- Increase in both visits and admissions from children in acute need from Gronau

	2014	2015	2016
Visits	30	70	87
Admissions	8	15	20

Organisational challenges remain

- Registration of Pre-notification
- Consultation GP, specialists, paediatrician Gronau
- Incorporated new emergency structure IEP in cross border work process

Take Home Message

- Cross border care can solve access to care problem
- Involve all stakeholders in defining standard operating procedures
- Don't stop to early
- Include new stakeholders during the process
- Evaluate cross –border care process