

Villalba Hospital adds therapeutic decor to its Pediatrics department.

The goal is to make the little ones' stay in the Emergency Department more pleasant through murals.



One of the decorated rooms.

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The Pediatric Emergency Department at [Villalba General Hospital](#) , part of the public healthcare network of the Community of Madrid, has a new therapeutic decoration , thanks to the collaboration of the [Anouk Foundation](#) . The objective of this initiative

is, through the paintings, to reduce the stress of children who, for health reasons, have to visit the hospital.

For Roi Piñeiro , Associate Head of Pediatrics at Villalba General Hospital, "it is a gesture of deference, of affection, towards the population we serve." At the same time, he continues, "the colors and the characters manage to distract the children, who, for a moment, forget that they are having a bad time." The renovation of the Emergency Department has allowed for the creation of rooms with their own names: "Enchanted Labyrinth", "Jungle", "Asteroids", "Stories", "Superheroes", "Games", "Planes", and "Calm".

"The result has been worth it," says Esther Casado Verrier , coordinator of the Pediatric Emergency Department at the aforementioned hospital. Likewise, María de la Parte , a member of the Perceived Quality and Humanization Committee and a pediatric cardiologist at the center, maintains that "it has been wonderful to work toward this improvement, from which thousands of children will be able to benefit."

The Anouk Foundation was responsible for the painting, at the request of a multidisciplinary committee made up of pediatricians, nursing staff, and the Patient Care Service. According to Iván Carabaño , head of the Pediatrics Service at Villalba General Hospital, "the new decoration is an example of our style of collaboration, teamwork, creation of healthy work dynamics, and patient-centeredness."

This project is part of the "Con Sentido" initiative , which promotes the creation of pleasant environments and spaces, within the five senses. In 2016, Villalba General Hospital treated 25,813 pediatric emergencies.

The Anouk Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to distract children and adults from the suffering that can come with care in a hospital or other facility through visual stimulation. To this end, it employs specialized artists who decorate the walls of various institutions throughout Europe with harmonious and entertaining images.