



The prevalence of non-accidental trauma among children with severe injuries: A nationwide level-I trauma centre study

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Introduction

6% of injured children sustain severe injuries

Severe injuries = Injury Severity Score >15

Non-accidental trauma

Inflicted trauma and neglect

→ Young age

→ Higher mortality



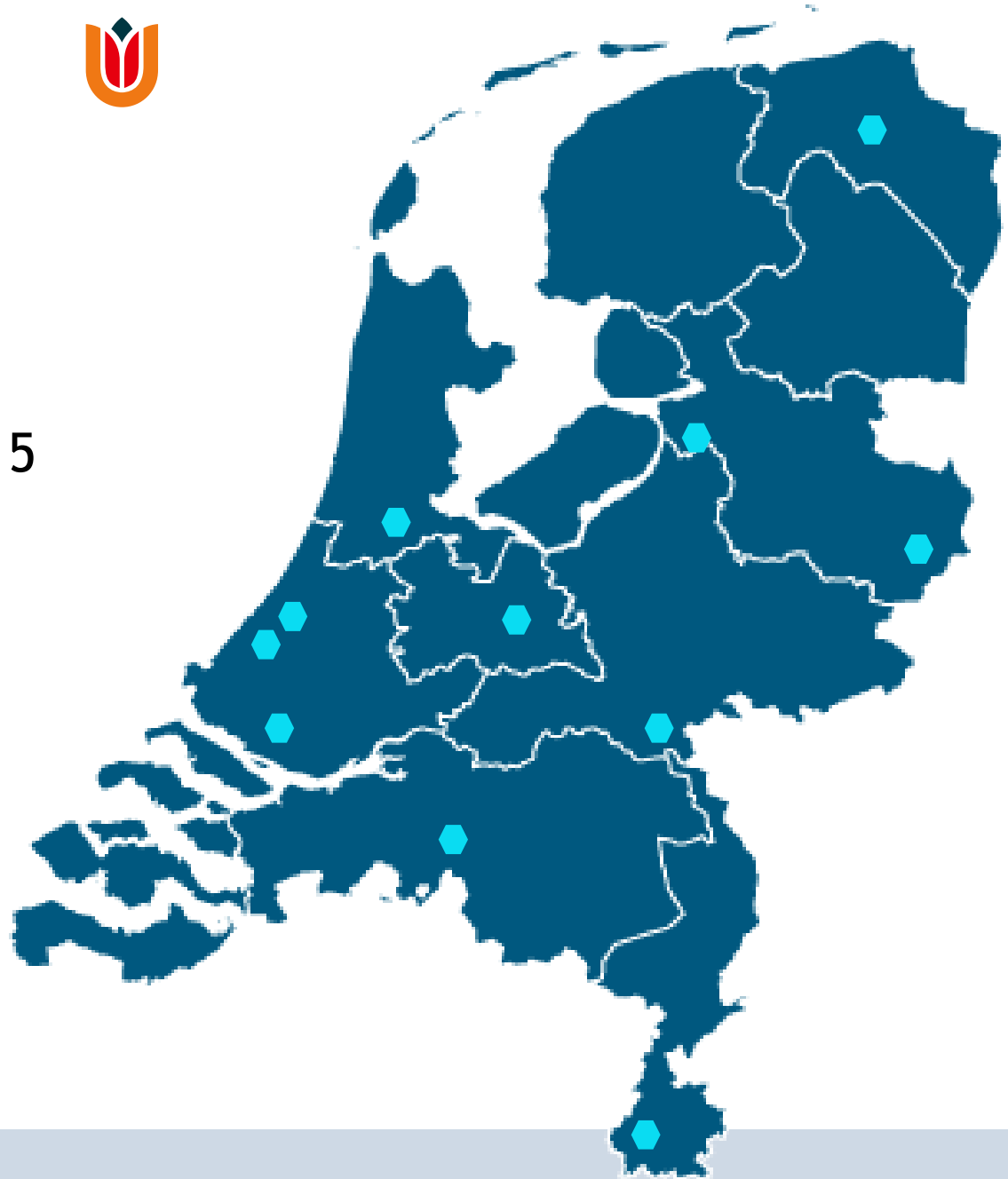
Methods



Retrospective study 2010 - 2015
0 - 17 years
Injury Severity Score >15



Child Abuse and Neglect-team
Expert panel
Non-accidental trauma *versus*
Accidental trauma





Results

Accidental n= 1452 (89%)

Non-accidental n= 171 (11%)

Children aged <5 years old (n= 342)

- Accidental n= 203 (59%)

- Non-accidental n= 139 (41%)



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Indicators of non-accidental trauma

- Age 2 vs 13 years
- Cardiopulmonary arrest 100% vs 0%
- Drowning 15% vs 2%
- Burn 8% vs 1%
- Fall from height 44% vs 27%
- Low socio-economic state 28% vs 17%
- Mortality 16% vs 10%



Conclusion

Non-accidental trauma was the cause of injuries in **1 out of 10** children with severe injuries and in **4 out of 10** young children (< 5 years old)

Recognition of non-accidental trauma by professionals is pivotal:
Non-accidental trauma kills



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