



Zorgbeest

13. Contraindications for the implementation of an AAI programme

- Patient:
 - The patient is afraid of cats.
 - The patient shows no interest in the cats (Rossetti & King, 2010).
 - Due to the patient's illness, he or she is unable to interact with the cat in a suitable manner.
 - The patient's medical condition makes it impossible to come into contact with cats, such as immune deficient patients, patients with open wounds or abscesses or who are allergic to animals (Morrison, 2007).
 - Also consider the risk of spreading antibiotic resistant bacteria. It is possible, for example, to refuse AAI for patients with methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) or *Clostridium difficile* (Marcus, 2012).
- Healthcare personnel:
 - The healthcare personnel show neither interest nor motivation.
- Environment:
 - The environment is unsuitable for cats.