# THE EFFECT OF WARD TYPOLOGIES ON QUALITY OF CARE

Lessons From the Past to Inform the Future



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# **UTOPIA OR DYSTOPIA?** VISIONING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH



### Predictions of Social Economic Environmental and Technological Changes by 2050



World / Urban Population

Life Expectancy

**Global Warming** 



Technology

**Artificial Intelligence** 

**Driverless Vehicles** 



#### **Global Oil Demand**

**Advances in Medicine** 

#### What Are the Predictions for Healthcare?



**The Empowered Patient** 

Prevention of 'Lifestyle' Diseases

**Rise in Alternative Therapies** 



**Personal Control** 

**Design for the Aging Population** 

**New Diseases** 

#### **Increased Focus on Acute Care**

#### **Caregivers as Highly Regarded**

# Introduction

# Healing Temple

# Christian Hospitals



# Nightingale Ward



#### Ancient Greece

Nature views Natural ventilation Natural light

#### Middle Ages

Faith as a healer Dark and cold

#### <u> 1860 - WWI</u>

Open ward Natural ventilation Natural light

# Mega Hospitals





<u>WWI - 2000</u>

Deep floor plan Mechanical ventilation

# Ward Typologies



# Why Are There Different Typologies?



### **How Do Design Features Influence Healthcare Outcomes?**





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Environmental & Behavioural Factors

# What are the Spatial Implication of Cultural Differences?

#### **American Wards**



#### **Chinese Wards**



Shanghai Huashan Hospital No.2 Building



Shanghai First People's Hospitall



Chongqin Southwest Hospital





Sichuan Third Hospital

ChengduTCM Hospital





Shanghai Ruijin Hospital No. 9 Building

### **Research Question**



**?** →

How different hospital ward typologies influence work processes and communication and how does this affect the quality of care provided to patients?

Knowing this kind of evidence, would we design differently and can we inform future healthcare design?

# Future of Healthcare Design

introduction
case studies
methodology
analysis & results
conclusions

### **Case Studies**

University College London Hospital



Racetrack layout







Duplex layout



Area - 1420 m<sup>2</sup> Number of beds - 43 Single rooms - 22



Area - 1380 m<sup>2</sup> Number of beds - 20 Single rooms - 3

Area - 470 m<sup>2</sup> Number of beds - 11 Single rooms - 1

#### Chelsea and Westminster Hospital



Corridor layout



# **Methods**

# **SPATIAL LAYOUT**

SPACE SYNTAX



#### **WORK PROCESSES** DIRECT OBSERVATIONS



COMMUNICATION SOCIOMETRIC BADGES



**QUALITY OF CARE** PERFORMANCE DATA

> diseases & infections health outcomes building maintainance patient services staff satisfaction



# Methods

#### THE ARCHITECTURAL SPACE AS A NETWORK - THE METHOD OF SPACE SYNTAX

**Space Syntax** is a theory and method to study spatial configurations developed at UCL in the 70s by Prof Bill Hillier and colleagues.

What is the relationship between the **spatial design** of buildings and the way they work **socially**?

**Configuration** is the way in which spatial elements are put together to form an interconnected system of spaces.









Connectivity (what one can see locally)



NHNN



Racetrack layout

#### **Connectivity Distribution**



#### Duplex layout







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#### Corridor layout

#### smaller distribution of values



Mean Depth (what one can see globally)





NHNN

Racetrack layout

Duplex layout

Intelligibility - how much the whole environment can be understood from its parts





CW

#### Corridor layout

#### highest correlation

Max: 4.2 Ave: 2.5 Min: 1.7 SD: 0.57

#### R2 = 0.85

# How different layouts affect activities and walking distances?





#### Racetrack layout

20 staff members [4 NIC, 8 RN, 4 doctors, 3 consultants, 1 runner] Total: 12h 37min

Duplex layout

15 staff members [3 NIC, 7 RN, 2 doctors, 3 PT] Total: 8h 10min

#### Corridor layout

17 staff members [3 NIC, 7 RN, 4 doctors, 1 consultants, 2 PT] Total: 14h 11min

# Are there significant differences between same role in different hospitals?

Mean duration of all activities by role

#### Racetrack layout



#### Duplex layout



#### Corridor layout



# Are there significant differences between same role in different hospitals?



| < | Duplex  | Corridor |
|---|---------|----------|
|   | 0 701   | 0.000**  |
|   | 0.721   | 0.000^^  |
|   | -       | 0.036**  |
|   | 0.036** | -        |
|   | 0.088*  | 0.009**  |
|   |         | 0.000**  |
|   | -       | 0.000    |
|   | 0.000** | -        |
|   | 0.626   | 0.003**  |
|   | 0.020   |          |
|   | -       | 0.093*   |
|   | 0.093*  | -        |
|   |         |          |

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CW

n=19





**Node size:** Betweenes centrality - who controls information flow **Link**: frequency of communication



#### Distribution of betweenness

#### Differences of betweenness values





CW







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#### Differences of betweenness values







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I feel part of a **team** where I work [rated on a scale 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree)]









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#### Differences of betweenness values



I feel part of a **team** where I work [rated on a scale 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree)]





There is good **communication** in my department [rated on a scale 1 (strongly disagree) to 7 (strongly agree)]









CW

# Conclusions

| Measures                  |          |   |           |   |  |
|---------------------------|----------|---|-----------|---|--|
| Intelligibility           | corridor | > | racetrack | > |  |
| Duration of Activities    | corridor | < | racetrack | < |  |
| Duration of Conversations | corridor | < | racetrack | < |  |
| Walking Distance          | duplex   | > | corridor  | > |  |
| Hierarchical Culture      | corridor | < | duplex    | < |  |
| Teamwork                  | corridor | > | duplex    | > |  |
| Communication             | corridor | > | duplex    | > |  |

# duplex

# duplex duplex

# racetrack

# racetrack

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racetrack

#### **Conclusions**

These results are based on 3 case studies and more cases are required to varify the results.

The traditional ward typology classification may not be the best predictor of healthcare outcomes. We will continue to explore spatial layout metrics similar to visibility because such a refined method will allow us to compare three different racetrack typologies. This may lead to a different ward classification which is not based on pure architecture shape.

Healthcare outcomes are influences by multiple factors which should be taken into account.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Can this evidence be used to inform future design guidelines?

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