The creation of **a Biophilic Environment** in the **Rehabilitation Area** of AMC

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Growing number of long term chronic illness patients in the Netherlands



1.34 Deaths by cause, 2014

	Men x 1,000	Women
of which		
lancer	23.2	19.8
of which		
trachea and lung	6.2	4.2
colorectal	2.7	2.3
prostate	2.5	
breast		3.0
Cardiovascular diseases	17.7	20.2
of which		
cerebrovascular events	3.7	5.6
acute heart failure	2.9	4.2
acute heart infarct	2.9	2.4
Respiratory diseases	5.4	5.1
of which		
COPD	3.1	2.7
Psychological disorders	3.4	6.8
of which		
dementia	3.0	6.6
Vervous system disorders	2.9	4.0
of which		
Alzheimer's disease	0.9	2.2
External causes of death	3.7	3.1
of which		
road traffic accidents	0.4	0.2
suicide	1.3	0.6



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AMC- Academic Medical Center

- Built in 1980s
- Research Hospital affiliated with University of Amsterdam
- One of the largest and leading hospital in Netherlands

Existing Problem for Patients, Visitors & Staff

in AMC

Imagine you are a patient...



Problem for Patients in AMC

1. Lack of Privacy



2. <u>Lack of Connection</u> <u>to the outside world</u>







Imagine you are a visitor....



Problem for visitors of AMC

1. Difficult in **wayfinding**



2. Crowded in existing shared patient room



3. Lack of space for waiting



Imagine you are one of the staff...



"One of the comments I've heard during interviews with the nurses is that '**we're human. We're not machines**," Cai says.

"They need that **human contact**. They need to talk with their peers, even if it's just to vent. It's necessary for a **better working experience**."

February 7, 2017, Jamie Morgan, Health Facilities Management Magazine

Problem for staff

1. Separation between patients & staff



2. Lack of place to relax



3. Unmotivated working environment



Patient Room



BIOPHILIA

An innate love for the natural world; the instinctive bond between all living systems; an attraction to all that is alive and vital.

BIOPHILIC DESIGN

Source: Oliver Heath

Hypothesis

- By applying biophilic design into AMC can achieve the following:
- 1. Faster recovery rate of patients
- 2. Better Performance of staff
- 3. Unique Experience for the visitors

6 Main types of Biophilic Elements



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Biophilic Strategy

Original Massing



Strategy 1:Removal of part of building

PLACE-BASED RELATIONSHIPS

Creating Outdoor Community Space





Creating Soft boundary around the building

NATURAL SHAPES + FORMS

Result from the Biophilic Strategy

Result 1: Every Patient will have a view to nature











Result 2: Every Staff can work in a motivated environment
















Result 3: Visitors can spend their time indoor or outdoor











Hierarchy of Space



Result 5: Every Visitor and Staff can enjoy a spacious cafeteria with a view









NATURAL SHAPES + FORMS



Change in Program Layout









Patient Room : 32 Beds: 58 Office Room: 25 Working seats:31 Common Space: 3(~20 m²)



Existing Level 5th

--*-* Patient Room : 39 Beds: 44 Office Room: 5 101 D $\mathcal{D}^{_{\mathrm{II}}}$ Nursing Station: 11 °**0**1 Working Station: 3 Working Seats: 43 Common Space: 3(~115 m²⁾ Circulation Lab **Nursing Station** Office Pantry 5 5 5 Patient Room **Reception Area** Staff Resting Room Storage Room **Technical Area** Toilet 10 0/ Vertical Circulation Outdoor Area

New Level 5th

Patient Room : 32 Beds: 58 Office Room: 23 Working Seats: 28 Common Space: 6 (~ 40m²)



Existing Level 6th

Patient Room : 35 Beds: 44 Office Room: 5 Nursing Station: 10 Ŷ ۳Q Working Station: 3 Working Seats: 43 Common Space: 3(~115m²) $\bigcirc]$ - - - **F** 99 Ĵ, *--*-*-*-*-*

Circulation
Common Room
Meeting Room
Nursing Station
Pantry
Patient Room
Reception Area
Staff Resting Room
Storage Room
Technical Area
Toilet
Vertical Circulation
Outdoor Area

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New Level 6th

Patient Room : 32 Beds: 58 Office Room: 23 Working Seats: 28 Common Space: 6 (~ 40m²)



Existing Level 7th

Patient Room : 35 Beds: 36 1 **Nursing Station: 8** ο Ū Θ Working Station: 3 Working Seats:25 Common Space: 2(~400m²) n/ ____ 00 \cap P Canteen Circulation Common Room **Meeting Room Nursing Station** Ċ. Pantry ъĈ, ð Patient Room **Reception Area** Staff Resting Room Storage Room **Technical Area** Toilet Vertical Circulation **Quiet Study Room** Outdoor Area

New Level 7th

Patient Room : 18 Beds: 38 Office Room: 25 Working Seats: 56 Common Space: 3 (~ 60m²)



Existing Level 8th

Patient Room : 35 Beds: 36 Nursing Station: 8 Working Seats:22 Common Space: 2(~400m²)



New Level 8th

Floor/ Program	G5		G6		G7		G8		Total		Difference
Number of	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	
Patient Room	32	39	32	35	32	35	18	35	114	144	个 by 30
Beds	58	44	58	44	58	36	38	36	212	160	↓by 52
Office Space	25	5+11+3= 19	23	5+10+ 3=18	23	8+3 =11	25	8	96	56	↓ by 40
Working Seating	31	43	28	43	28	25	56	22	143	133	↓ by 10
Common Space (In area)		3(~115 m ²⁾	6 (~ 40m²)		6 (~ 40m²)	2(~400 m²)	3 (~ 60m²)	2(~400m²)	160	1030	个 by 870m²

Site Connection





PLACE-BASED RELATIONSHIPS

EVOLVED HUMAN-NATURE RELATIONSHIPS

Enhance connection with the entrance for visitors Enhance

with the

connection

nature from

Patient Room

Source: *Temp.architecture, Studio Nuy van Noort, Studio BLAD*

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Construction







































Choice of Material

Interface Biophilic Carpet

NATURAL SHAPES + FORMS NATURAL PATTERNS+ PROCESSES



Benefits



Source: Interface

Climate

Installation of Natural Ventilation System above each glass wall and sliding door, and on doors

ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES



Schüco Ventilation System VentoFrame



Natural Ventilation Flow on North West facing facade(Double Floor Height Atrium Space)



Solar Panel installed on the rooftop to generate renewable energy





PLACE-BASED RELATIONSHIPS

Biophilic Design will become the best investment in future architecture industry