



KEY POINT SUMMARY

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this manuscript was to explore the variety of activities that occur in patient care corridors and highlight these spaces as important elements of team communication and healthcare delivery.

Reinterpreting the hospital corridor: “Wasted space” or essential for quality multidisciplinary clinical care?

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Key Concepts/Context

This paper reviews the literature on the functions of corridors in the healthcare setting and highlights the need to reconsider these spaces as a functional component of an effective healthcare organization. The article provides evidence and support for designating these spaces as design elements that warrant consideration beyond the basic tasks of transportation and connectivity.

Methods

This was not a research article, so no methods were noted.

Findings

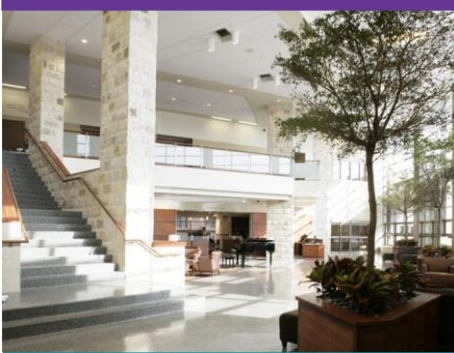
Non-research article, findings are not appropriate for this manuscript.

Limitations

Non-research article

Design Implications

The author provides support for design professionals to intentionally consider the corridor space beyond the traditional functions of transportation and connectivity. Rationale is provided to dedicate funds and design expertise to maximize the serendipitous encounters and informal communications that support interdisciplinary teamwork and patient care. Further, the author suggests that



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corridors might be purposefully designed to not only support but encourage informal encounters to promote interdisciplinary communication through the use of writing ledges, stools, or other items that might support interaction.

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