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Exploring Existential Dimensions in Healthcare Spaces and Places



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The presentation offers a lens to explore how space is lived and experienced within health research. It reflects on how spatial conditions shape experiences of health, care, and recovery, both as material settings and as expressions of human existence. Drawing on examples from neurological wards, where sensory perception and bodily presence are often altered, it examines how experiences of eating, being together, and moving through hospital environments are intertwined with spatial arrangements, routines, and relations. These examples point to how everyday healthcare practices are formed and experienced within the spatial and sensory conditions of the hospital settings. The presentation brings together perspectives from phenomenology, evidence-based design, and Nordic healthcare research to consider how space participates in lived experiences of illness, care, and recovery. It seeks to integrate theoretical perspectives that are lived, shared, and meaningful and to open toward the existential dimensions of being human in healthcare, spaces and places.

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