

# Evidence-Based Design for Healthcare Lighting: Where's the Evidence?



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## ***The Nurses' Perspective on Hospital Patient Room Lighting***

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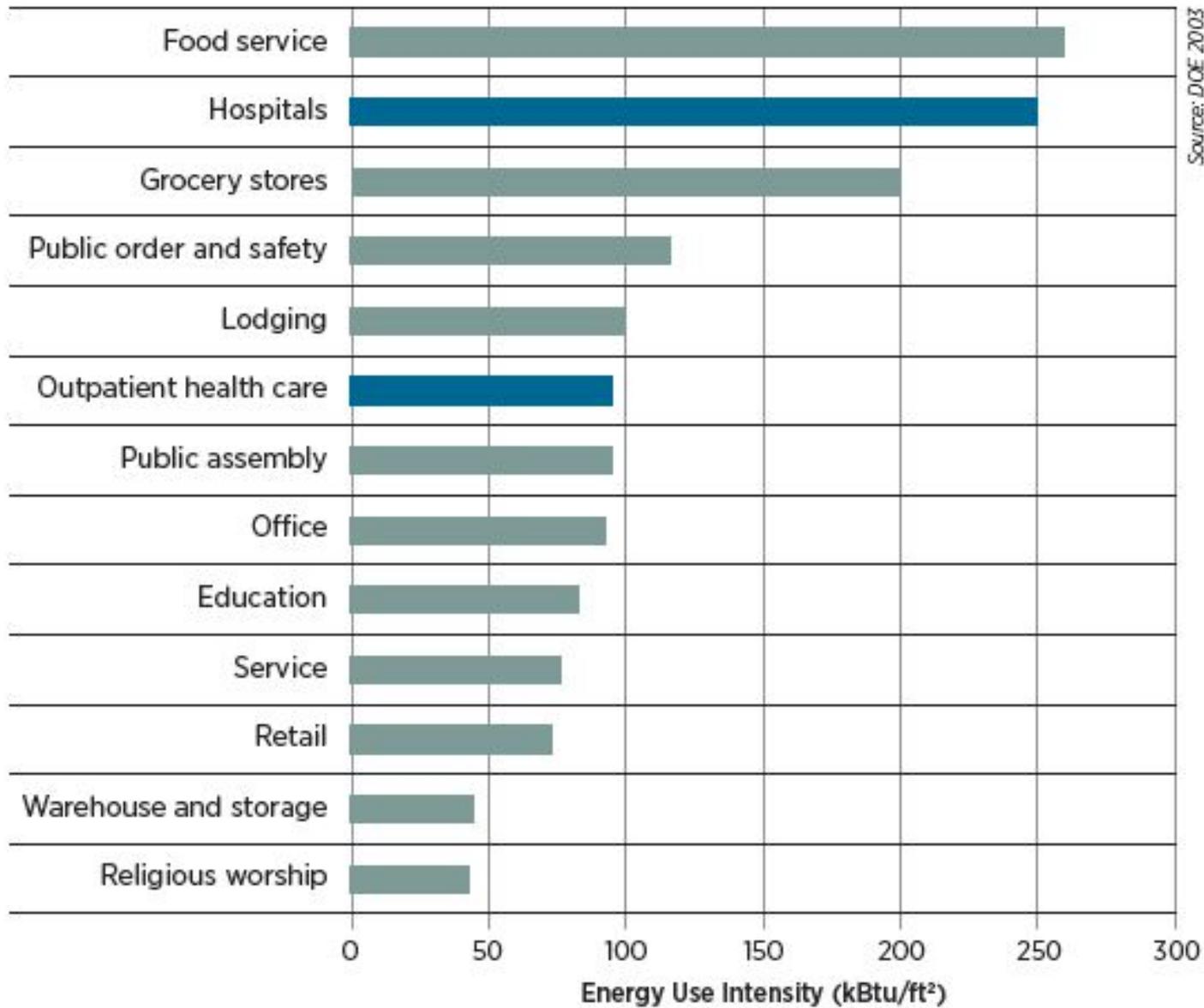
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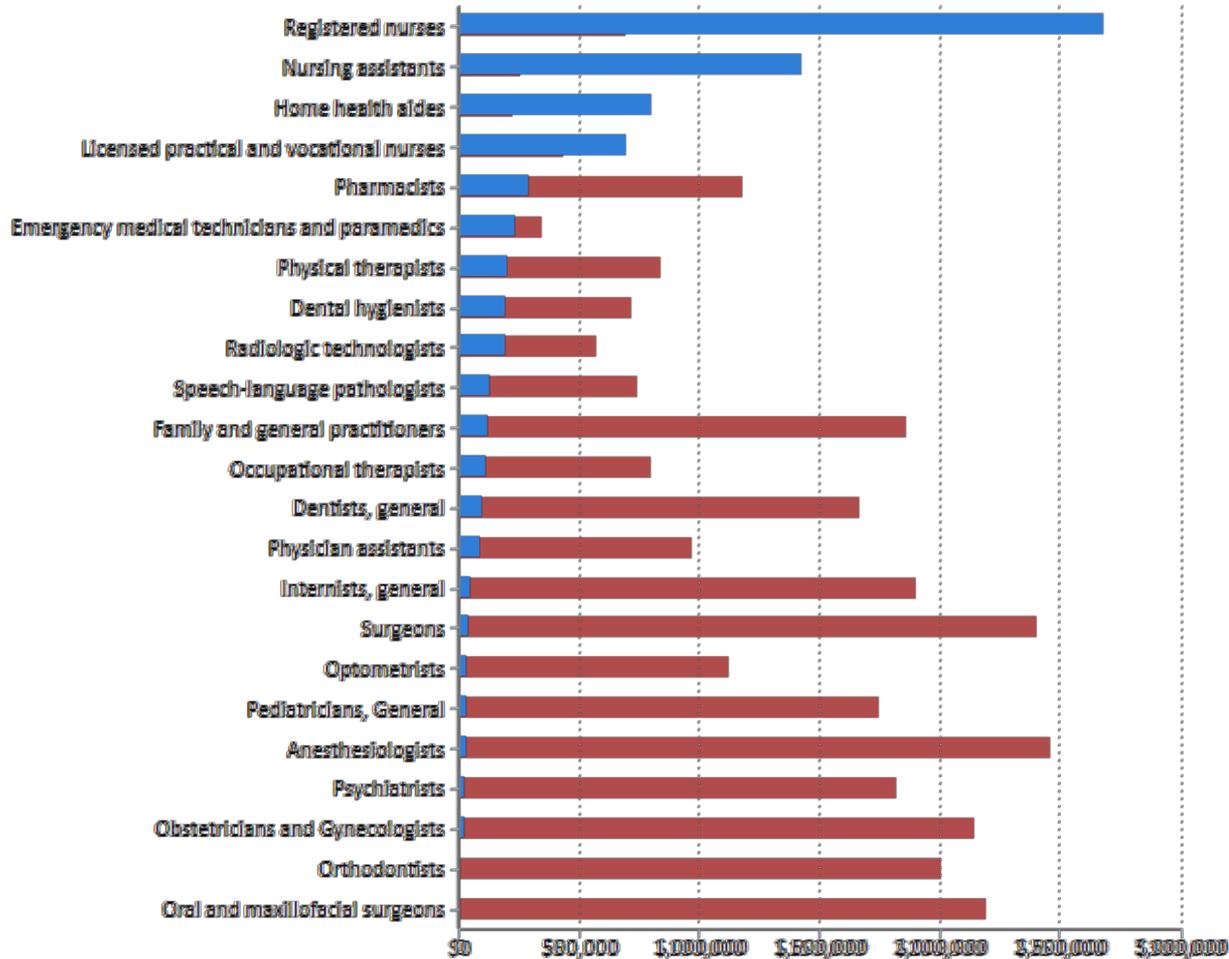
# Healthcare Energy



*Advanced Energy  
Retrofit Guide:  
Healthcare Facilities,  
US DOE, Sept 2013*

# Healthcare Employment and Wages

Wage for Selected Healthcare Occupations (May 2014)



Projected % change in employment from 2014 to 2024:

↑ 16% Nurses

↑ 7% All occupations

# Healthcare by the Numbers

**\$2,300**    **\$3,300**    **\$4,300**    Average healthcare spending per household in 2014<sup>1</sup>

Consumer prices for hospital services since 1997 have **Doubled**    **Tripled**    **Quadrupled**<sup>1</sup>  
(Compared with a 50% increase in all items over same period.)

**25%** **50%** **75%** Projected growth in video doctor consultations per year between 2015 and 2020<sup>2</sup>

Healthcare executives indicating ROI in personalization technologies    **23%**    **43%**    **73%**<sup>3</sup>

**25%**    **45%**    **65%**    Healthcare executives strongly agree that within 3 years companies <sup>3</sup>  
need to focus as much on training machines as training people

# Holistic View of Lighting for Healthcare

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- Energy & sustainability
- Circadian rhythms / Non-visual effects of light

# Holistic View of Lighting for Healthcare

- Energy & sustainability
- Circadian rhythms / Non-visual effects of light
- Task performance: Visibility, stress
- Perceptions: Mood, agitation, pleasant vs. institutional environments
- Safety: Errors, fall risk

*What evidence can help us provide lighting to better address these needs?*

# Literature Review Goals

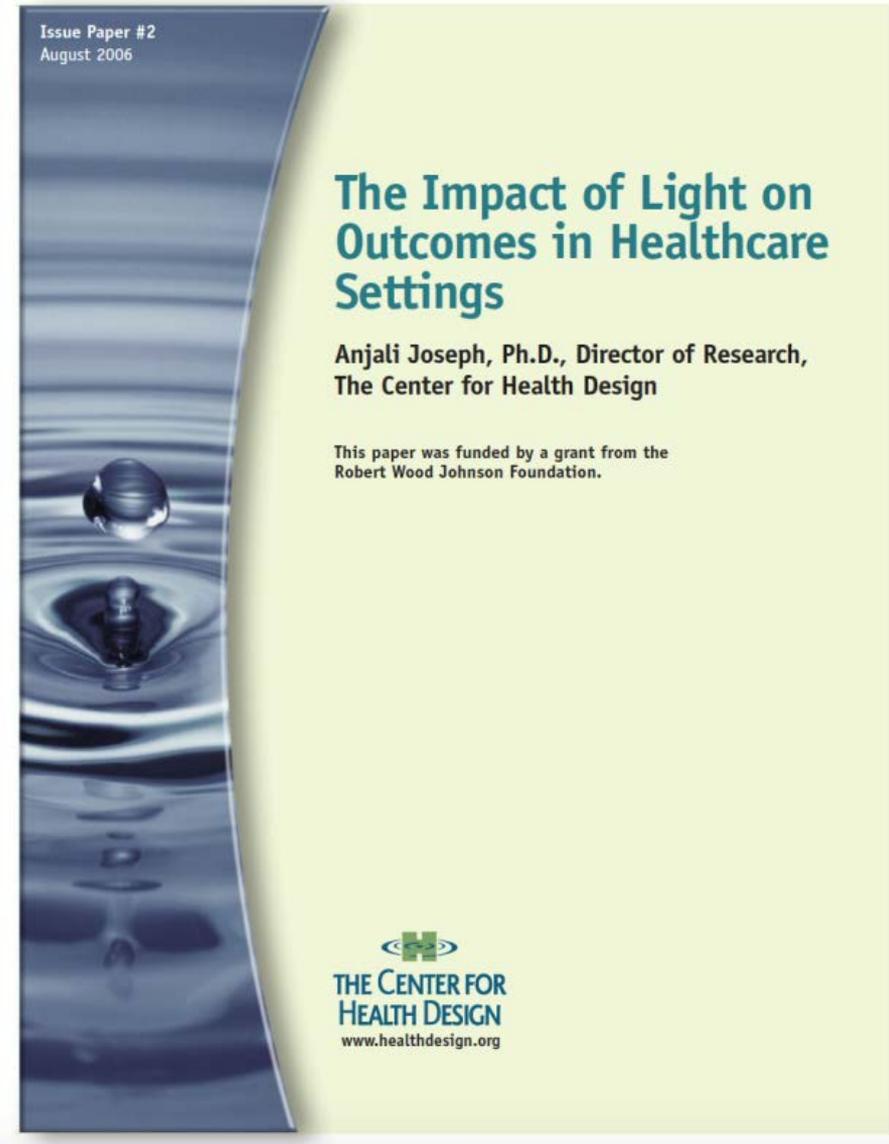
Impact of light in healthcare environments

Update to Joseph, 2006 study

Broad view - not just lighting publications

Design recommendations?

Areas for future research?



**01**

**Light in buildings**

**02**

**Light impacts human health and performance**

Visual impacts of light

Non-visual impact of light

**03**

**Design implications**

# Literature review: Goals & Methods

- Study builds upon Joseph, 2006 article
- Criteria for inclusion and exclusion
  - Healthcare and long-term care environments
  - Focus on lighting and daylight
  - Focus on health outcomes
  - Published in peer-reviewed journals
  - Published after 2000



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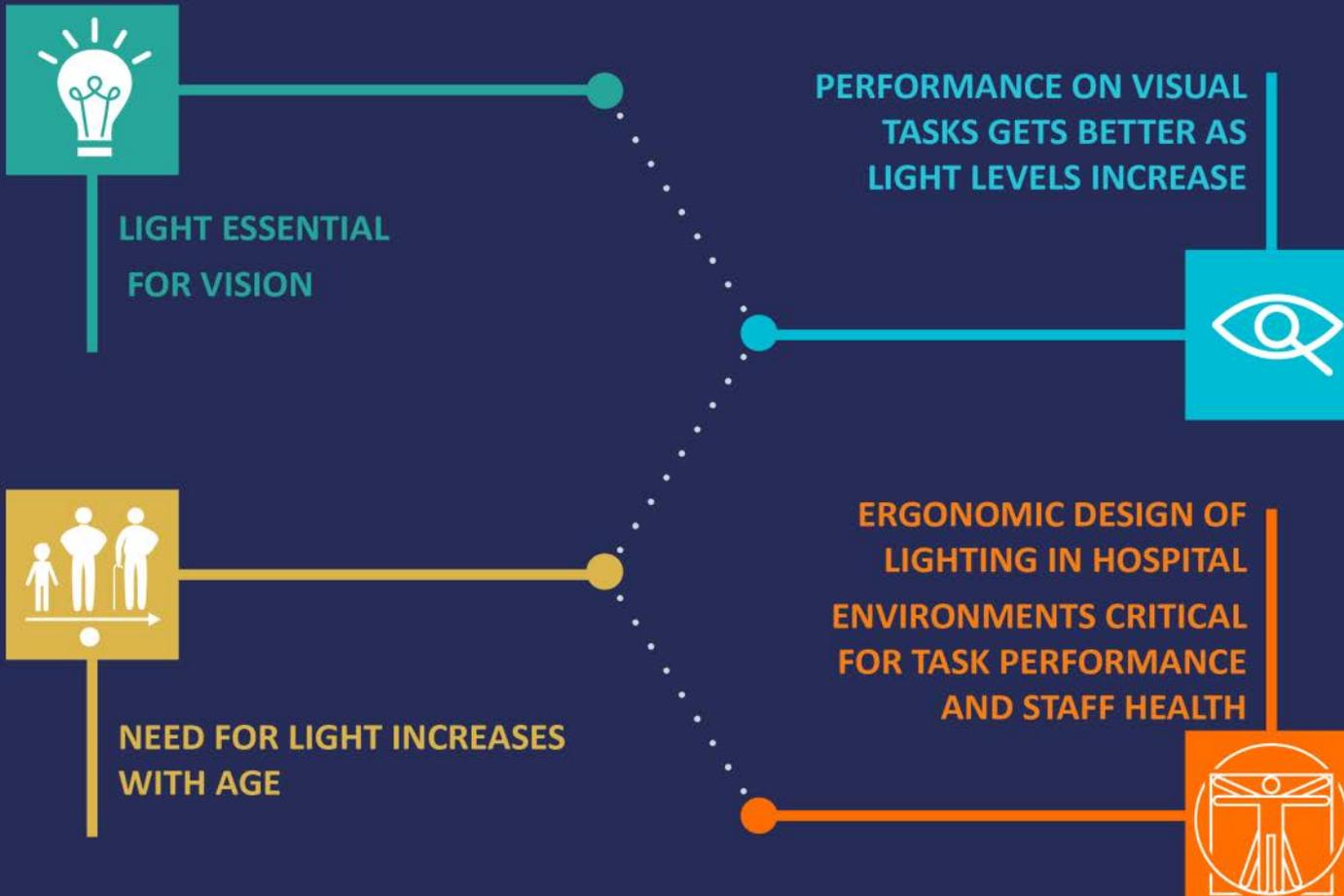
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# Lighting and Task Performance

# Performance of visual tasks



# Task Performance

- Inverse relationship between illuminance levels and eye fatigue in night shift workers (Azmoon, 2013)
- Dim light conditions during night shifts made patient care and decision making more difficult (Nilsson et al., 2009)
- 87% of nurses believe that providing adequate lighting in the medication room was a contributing factor for task accomplishment (Mahmood et al. 2012).
- Task performance and job duties: Inadequate lighting has a negative effect on staffs' work performance (Dianat et al. 2013).



# Light and worker stress

- Surgeons experienced lighting difficulties during surgeries, especially involved with deep wounds and a narrow entrance to the cavity (Knurs et al., 2011)
- In OR environments, non-significant inverse relationship between illuminance levels and stress among anesthesiologists and nurses (Morghen, et al 2009)
- Nurses in cancer-care environments felt exhausted in windowless environments (Edvardsson, et al, 2006)
- 30 minute bright light exposure significantly reduced perception of stress and burnout syndrome (Kakooei et al., 2009).



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## Task Performance: Better evidence in the future?

### Morghen et al. (2009) – Illuminance and stress

*Journal of Occupational Medicine & Toxicology*

- Shows illuminance in three categories
  - <700 lx, 700-1500 lx, >1500 lx
  - Reduced stress at higher illuminance
- Lists illuminance ranges, CCT, CRI
  - SPD? Location for illuminance measures?
- Reported that factors other than lighting (familial and working conditions) were stronger influences on the reported stress levels

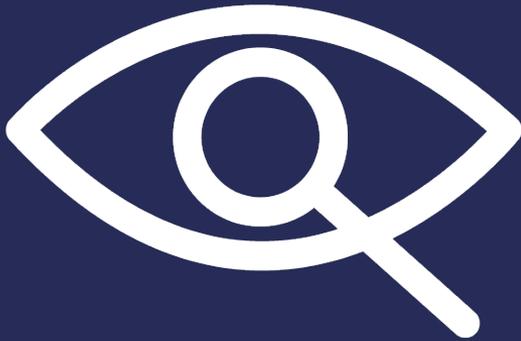


## Task Performance: Better evidence in the future?

### Mahmood et al. (2012) – Lighting and errors

*Intl Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance*

- Studied environmental factors and effects on work errors & job satisfaction; broad look at different factors
- Adequate lighting in medication area seen as one of the top environmental solutions for avoiding errors
  - Indicates the importance that nurses place on lighting for performing their tasks
- Error / performance measures? (Incomplete records)
- Aspects of the lighting that contributed?

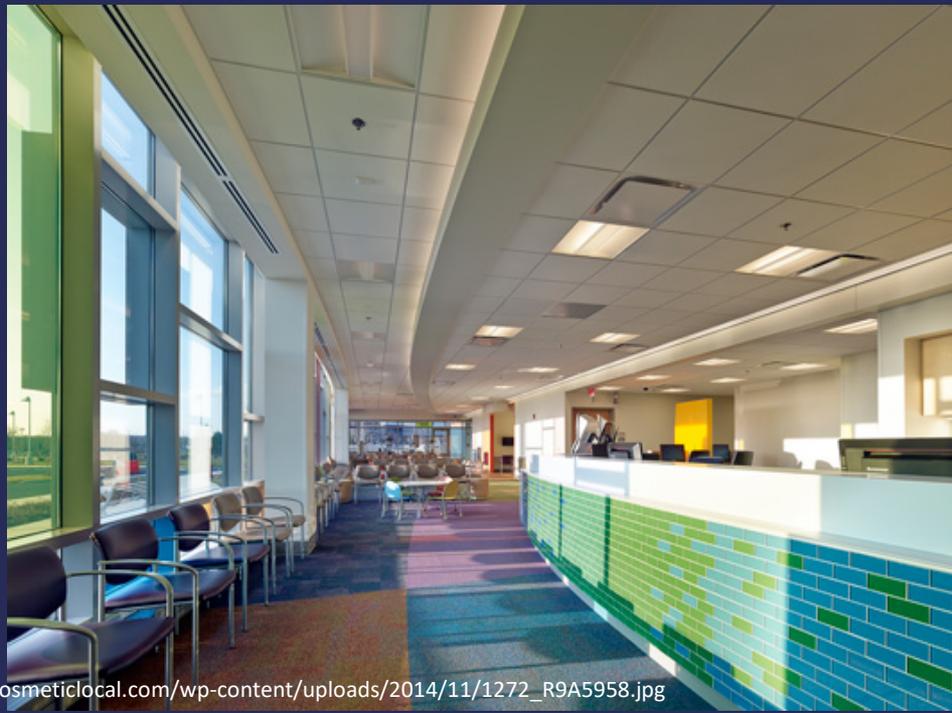


## Task Performance: Better evidence in the future?

### Kakooei et al. (2009) - Stress during night shift

#### *Intl Journal of Occupational Hygiene*

- Bright light exposure: 2000 lx at eye for 30 minutes, 6400 K CFL (normal lighting at 150 lx)
- Significantly reduced perception of stress and burnout syndrome
- Did not affect anxiety symptoms, somatic symptoms, depression, or social function
- Small sample – 15 nurses
- All based on self-report through survey
- No details on configuration, SPD, glare



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# Lighting and perceptions

# Lighting conditions and mood



## 01 Bright Light

. Subjects in high threat health-care situations perceived a brighter room as more spacious, experienced more positive affect and indicated higher intention to self-disclose compared to a dimly lit room (Okken, 2013)



## 02 Dim light

Bright light vs. dim light in counseling rooms. Dim lighting resulted in (Miwa & Hanyu, 2006):

- . More pleasant and relaxed feelings in subjects
- . More favorable impression of interviewer
- . More self disclosure to interviewer

# Reducing Perceptions of Pain

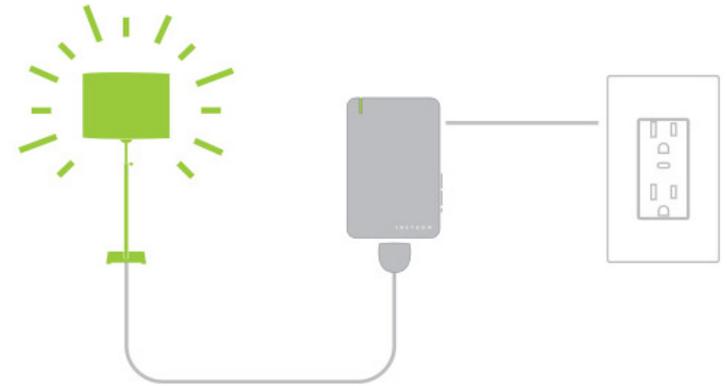
- Spinal cord surgery recovery patients on the brighter side of the unit:
  - Perceived lower stress
  - Perceived less pain
  - Took 22% less analgesic medication per hour
  - Incurred 21% less pain medication costs (Walch et al., 2005)



Dublin Methodist Hospital, Ohio

# Reducing agitation

- Alzheimer's disease and agitated behaviors
- Control changing light conditions by (LaGarce, 2002):
  - Full spectrum fluorescent lighting
  - Micro-slatted glazing to lessen effects of changing sun angles
  - Electronic controls to maintain light intensity
- Study revealed a significant drop in disruptive behaviors when residents were in the constant light levels compared to varying light levels (LaGarce, 2002)



# Windows, daylight and stress

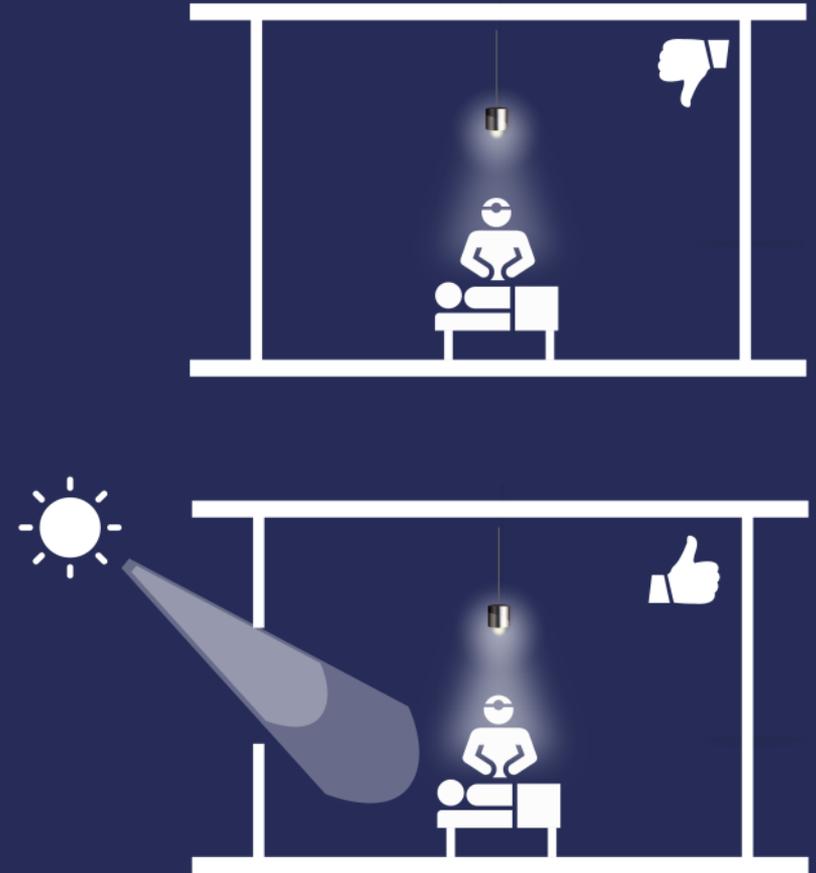
- Nurses working in units with windows vs. windowless units experienced:
  - Higher levels of communication and laughter
  - Reduced behavior indicators of sleepiness and deteriorated mood (Zadeh, et al, 2014)
  - Frequency of communication behavior increased in wards with windows and daylight, compared to windowless wards (Zadeh et al., 2014).
- Turkish hospital found that nurses exposed to 3+ hours of daylight experienced:
  - Less stress
  - More satisfaction with work (Alimoglu & Donmez, 2005)
- Nurses working in an experimental room with full spectrum lighting and spatial patterning experienced less stress (Gray, et al 2012)

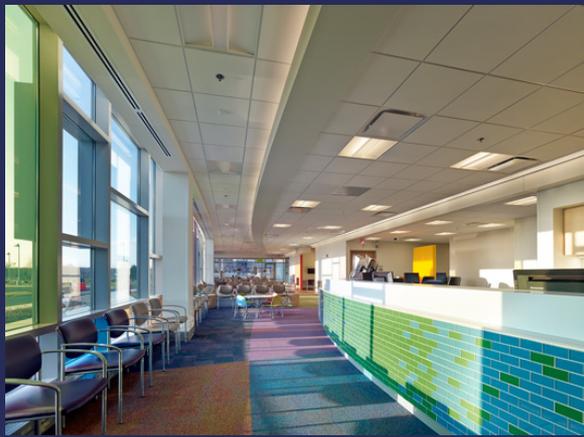


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# Lighting and staff satisfaction

- Correlation between positive perception about the lighting levels and job satisfaction (Djukic et al., 2010)
- Lighting characteristics (light source, light level, and light color) correlated with employee's satisfaction with lighting (Dianat et al. 2013)
- Inadequate illumination of the operating field (32%) was considered as one of the reasons for surgeon's discomfort during operations (Matern and Koneczny, 2007).
- Dascalaki et al. (2009) the general OR lighting space was perceived insufficient by 32%. Almost a quarter of OR staff indicated that insufficient lighting levels associated with surgical needs around the operating table.





# Lighting & Perceptions: Better evidence in the future?

## Okken et al. (2013) – Affective experiences

### *Health Environments Research & Design Journal*

- Brighter room perceived as spacious and positive, enhancing self- disclosure intentions in “high threat” condition
- “Low threat” condition: room brightness did not have a significant effect (intimacy)
- 90 subjects, ratings based images of rooms
- Repeat in real spaces with detailed lighting documentation?
- Confirm rating scales with other measures?

When the world is closing in: Effects of perceived room brightness and communicated threat during patient-physician interaction



# Lighting & Perceptions: Better evidence in the future?

## Miwa & Hanyu (2006) - Interior design effects

### *Environment and Behavior*

- Counseling room bright (750 lx) or dim (150 lx) and with or without decorations
- Dim lighting provided a more peaceful, enjoyable feeling, developed a positive impression of the interviewer and promoted the intention to self-disclose
- Color quality? Distribution? (Dim incandescent vs. bright fluorescent) – no details on SPD or distribution

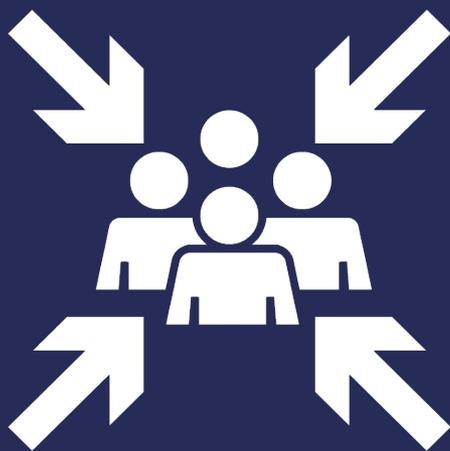


# Lighting & Perceptions: Better evidence in the future?

## Gray et al. (2012) - Interior design effects

*Health Environments Research & Design Journal*

- Pilot study in a clinical simulation center – practice cardiac resuscitation on human patient simulator (HPS)
- Two rooms: **Control** with 3500K fluorescent and normal finishes; **Experiment** with “full spectrum” fluorescent and spatial color patterning design to group equipment
- Significant reduction in stress and increase in alertness in **Experiment** room
- Décor vs. lighting? SPDs? Light levels and distribution?



Lighting and safety outcomes

# Reducing errors

- Higher lighting levels were associated with fewer medication-dispensing errors in pharmacy (Buchanan & Baker, 1991)
- Survey findings of nurses in long term care facilities to reduce medication errors included (Mahmood, et al, 2012):
  - Provide adequate lighting in the medication room (74.1%)
  - Provide suitable nursing station lighting (72.2%)
  - Provide adequate dining room lighting (66.7%).
  - Providing adequate lighting in the medication room was a contributing factor in this space for them to accomplish tasks (86.8%).



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# Reducing errors

- Challenge in balancing lighting needs for patient care activities during medication administration (reading drug labels, color distinction) and creating a healing environment (low light at night) (Graves, et al, 2014)
- Reviewing yearly medication errors Zadeh et al. (2014) found that the probability of medication errors in the windowed ward was 22% lower than windowless conditions.



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# Lighting and Ergonomics

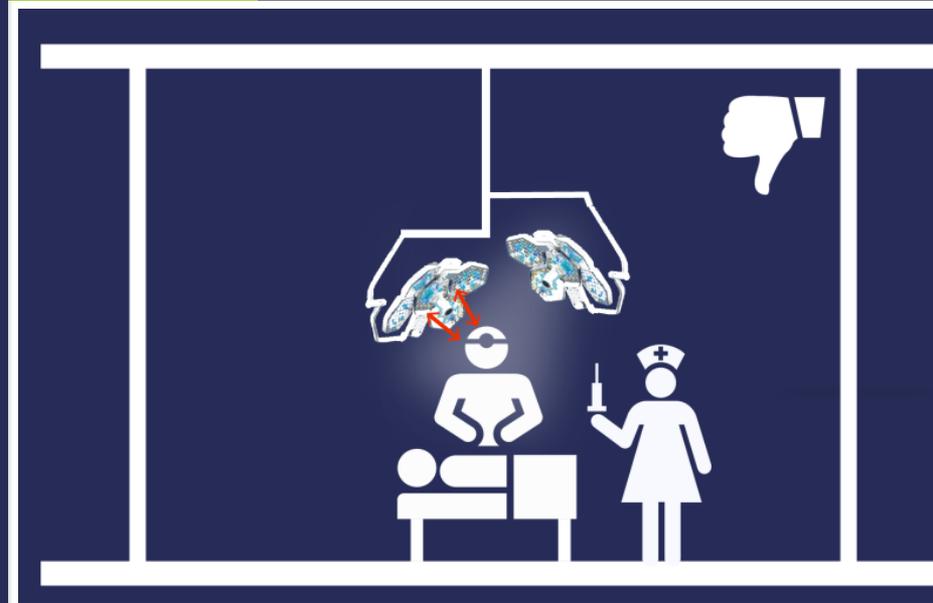
- Key ergonomic issues related to surgical luminaire placement and design were related to mechanical problems (Knulst et al, 2011; Matern and Koneczny, 2007) ):
  - Collisions of the luminaire against other objects
  - Out of reach positioning of lighting features.
  - Entanglement of lighting arms
  - Inability to adjust lights with only one hand
  - inadequate luminance level for the operating field



<http://www.wemed1.com/products/surgical-lights-operating-room?mode=list>

# Lighting design and safety in the OR

- Luminaire positioning that required frequent repositioning were responsible for 64% of interruptions of surgical tasks in the operating room (Knulst, et al 2011)
- Poor ergonomics of OR light contributes to discomfort for surgeons and hazards due to bumping etc. (Matern et al, 2007)



# Lighting and Ergonomics

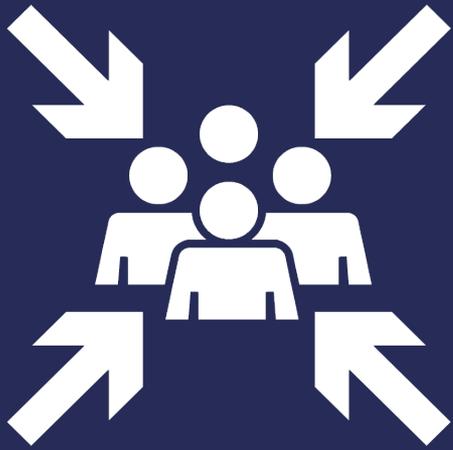
- Usability improvement recommendations from the survey of surgeons included (Knulst, 2011):
  - Ease of focusing,
  - Ease of aiming force for moving,
  - Ease of moving,
  - Reduced collisions, entangling,
  - Increased maneuverability,
  - Easy access by surgeons, residents, and nurses.

# Reducing Falls among elderly

- Low light levels contribute to gait instability, gait speed and falls among the elderly, especially for those at risk of falling (Figueiro, 2011, Kesler, 2005)
- Elderly at risk for falls performed walking tasks best under ambient illumination conditions (ceiling mounted lights) and worst with night lights alone. (Figueiro, 2011)
- The pathway plus night lights increased gait velocity and reduced step length variability compared to the night lights alone in those at greater risk of falling (Figueiro, 2011)



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## Lighting & Safety: Better evidence in the future?

### Kesler et al. 2005 – Walking in the dark

*Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation*

- Gait analysis for healthy older adults, compared to those with gait disorders (HLGD)
- Usual vs. dim lighting conditions (1000 lms vs. 5 lms)
- Both groups slowed under dim lighting, but also became more variable and unsteady for HLGD group
- Illuminances? SPDs? Other visual cues?



## Lighting & Safety: Better evidence in the future?

### Figueiro et al. (2011) – Elderly and Fall Risk

#### *BioMed Central Geriatrics*

- Ambient (650 lx), night lights (0.015 lx), night lights + pathway laser lines (0.015 lx)
- Measured speed & stability: step & stride length, velocity
- Ambient best; laser lines improved the night light for high fall risk individuals
- Reported illuminance at cornea for all; most details on lighting equipment – variability? Glare? CCT / SPD?
- Suggested need for commercial solutions (*low energy use*)



**Strong evidence that light is critical to human functioning**  
**Light impacts outcomes in healthcare facilities**

# Key findings

**01**

Adequate lighting conditions are essential for performance of visual tasks



**04**

Exposure to light can help alleviate sleep problems among elderly



**02**

Poor lighting conditions can result in errors



**05**

Lighting levels preferred by people are significantly higher than today's indoor lighting standards



**03**

Daylight can help alleviate pain and reduce depression



**06**

Need to correspond to levels where biological stimulation can occur



# Natural Light

- Natural light should be incorporated into lighting design
  - Beneficial to patients and staff
  - Light delivered at low / no cost
  - Light delivered in a form preferable to most people
  
- Provide opportunities to control daylight to prevent glare and thermal discomfort



<http://designisaward.shawcontractgroup.com/DesignAward/GlobalWinners>



<http://www.archilovers.com/projects/67226/the-royal-children-s-hospital.html>

# Lighting design

- Lighting should be glare free, shadow free for elderly
- Light levels in transitional spaces balanced with those of adjoining spaces
- Need higher light levels for visual tasks
- High color quality lighting recommended where fine color discrimination is needed
- Need higher exposure to bright light for stimulating circadian system
- Adequate variation in light levels in residential environments for elderly to support sleep-wake patterns



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### **Future research needs to document:**

- **Illuminances in key locations to assess averages & uniformity**
  - **Full SPDs of lighting available at different times of day**
- **Metrics for assessment of key issues like flicker, glare, etc.**
  - **Full descriptions of methods & participants**
  - **Limitations of scope of application**

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