# Age friendly hospital

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### Content

- Importance of age friendliness hospital
- Age friendly ward at Ruttonjee Hospital



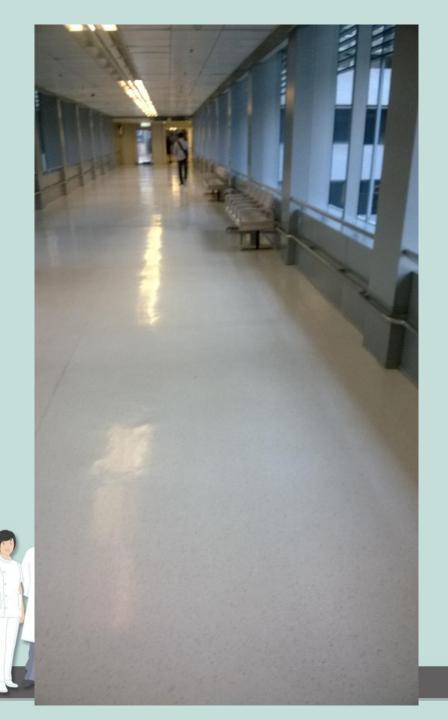
# What is hospital designed for?

- Staff
- Patients
- Families ?





# Doctor friendly Hospital

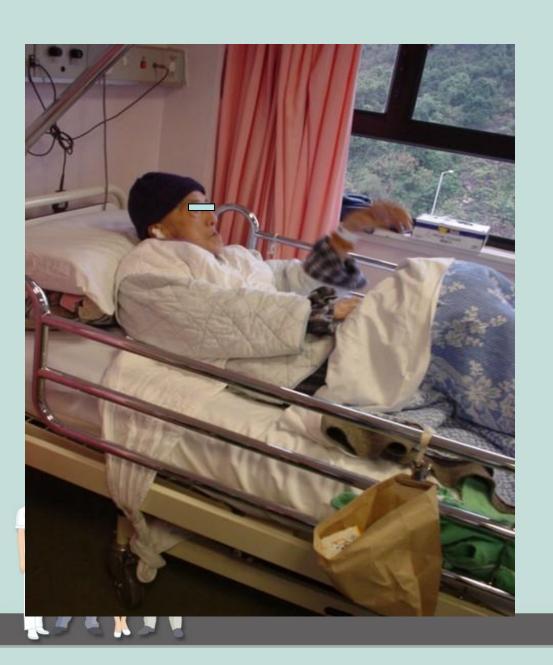


Challenging Corridor for people with mobility and visual problems

#### Implication of age unfriendliness for outpatients

- Need for escort
- Limit access
- Less business





# Nurse friendly Hospital

#### Implication of age unfriendliness for inpatients

- Deconditioning
  - Immobility
  - Fall
  - Confusion
  - Incontinence
  - Constipation and urine retention
  - Institutionalization
- More work for staff
- Low staff morale



### Why should ward environment be challenging?



# Elder-friendly Design for an Acute Medical Ward (The Ruttonjee Experience – C8 Project)



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#### 2013/14 Annual Plan Programme

#### < Set up a 42-bed General Medical Ward in C8, RH >

#### **Objective**

- To enhance the well-being of patient by raising the standards and quality of health care and ward environment
- >To alleviate the crowded environment of M&G wards
- To enhance staff / patient safety



To de-congest our acute wards

### **Objectives of the Design**

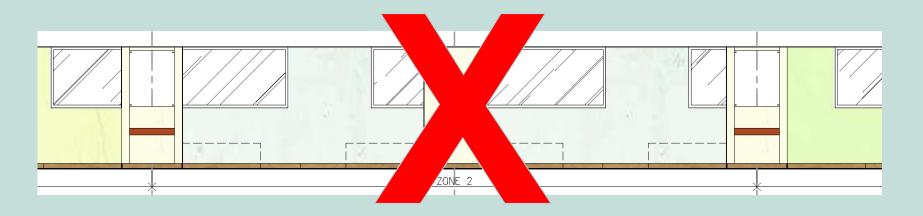
- 1. Enhance independence in activities of daily living
- 2. Prevent fall / Minimize physical restraint
- 3. Promote carer engagement
- 4. Promote maintenance function
- Respect patient privacy & dignity
- 6. Facilitate staff workflow and monitoring

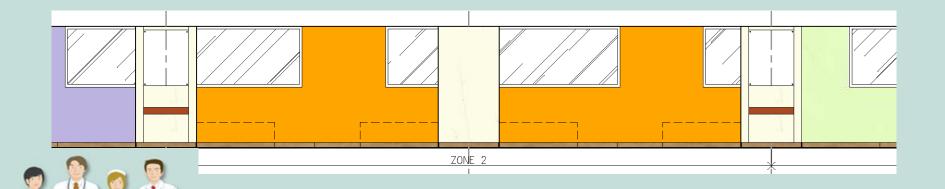


# I. Enhance Independence in Activities of Daily Living Enhance senses and orientation



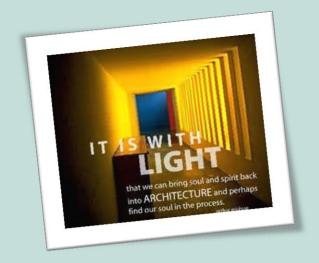
### **Contrasting Colors for Way Finding**



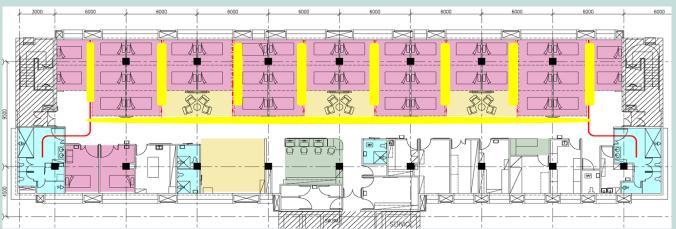


#### **Adequate Lighting Level**

- Seniors require 30% more light for equivalent vision
- 400-500 lux in general
- 600-700 lux in activity areas
- Dimming light function to promote rest







#### Large Graphical Indication/Signage



**Unisex Patient Toilet** 



Large Wall-mounted Music Clock with Chime on day time



# II. Prevention of Fall/ Minimize Physical Restraint



#### Home like floor mat with Handrails along the corridors



# Spacious Assisted Bathroom Toilets / Shower room







# Prevention of fall/ Minimize physical restraint







Electric low beds 20 cm vs 37.5 cm away from floor

# Prevention of fall/ Minimize physical restraint



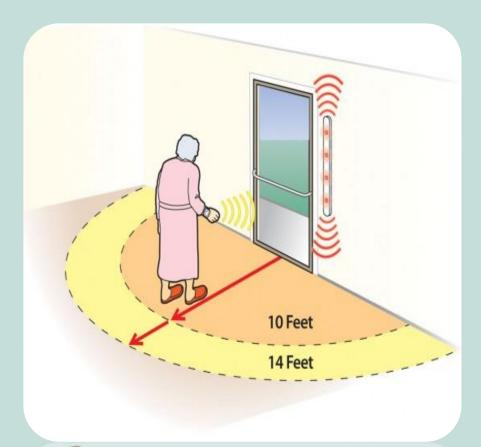




Fall Prevention Monitor (Alarm Mat)
without cord,

connect to Nurse Call System

## **Anti-wandering Door Bars**







Allow demented patients walk-around without using physical restraints

# III. Promote Carer Engagement



Day Room Inside the Ward



**Seating Alcoves** 



#### **Spacious environment**





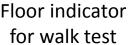
# VI. Promote Maintenance Function Early ward based rehabilitation Carer engagement



#### Rehabilitation facilities in ward

- Day room Sit out for meals
- Ward based rehab facilities in day room - Hoist, Computer, VR, walking strip
- Discharge planning Variety of equipment suitable for home use
- Bedside Hand function games





# Strengthening and Mobilizing Exercise



### **Gait Assessment and Training at ward**



Timed Up and Go Test



# Pre-discharge Preparation Functional Assessment



#### **Promote Maintenance of Function**

#### **Modified Door Lock Design**







Fine Motor Twisted Lock

Easy One Hand Door Opening

# V. Respect Patient Privacy & Dignity



## **Respect Patient Privacy & Dignity**



Less congested environment 5.8 m<sup>2</sup> per bed



with family area

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# Double-curtain to Ensure Patient's Privacy during Showering







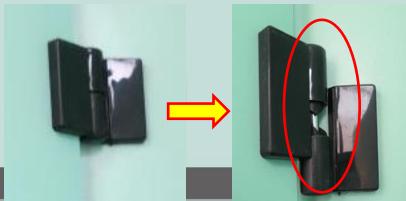
Turnable curtain at the entrance of patient shower room

### Take-away-door in Patient Toilet







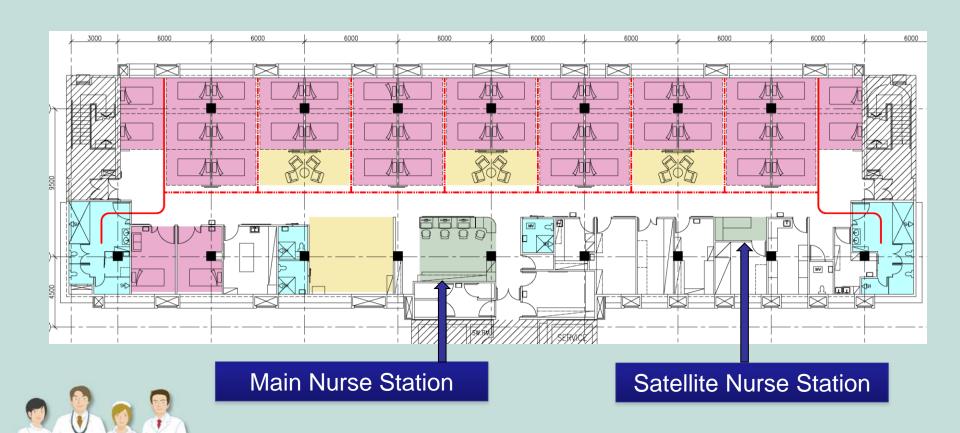


During emergency situations, the patient toilet door can be taken away easily by kicking the door upward

# VI. Facilitate staff workflow and monitoring



#### **Satellite Nurse Station**

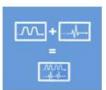


# Modernized Equipment for Close Patient Monitoring



















Data transfer unit at bedside facilitate tele-monitoring at Nurse Station

### **Patient Information Display System**





# **Ceiling hoist**







improve patient's comfort and minimize manual handling operations during patient transfer

# **Electric Operated Chair with Reclining & Inclining Function**



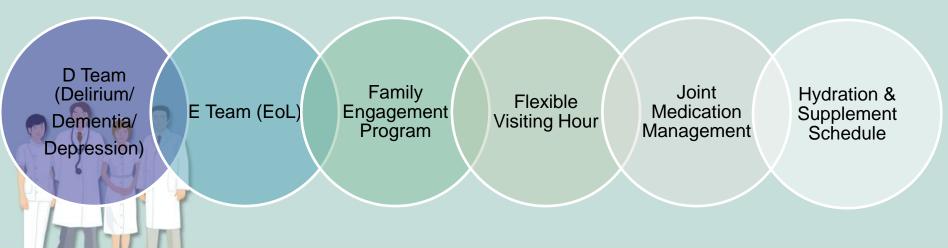






#### **Views from Our Clinical Team**

- Engage end-users in initial planning
- Structures to facilitate Care Processes for elder-centred Outcomes
- Furniture & equipment can help even in wards with unfavorable facility environment
- Giving Knowledge, developing Skills & changing Attitudes are also very important



# Framework for creating Elder-friendly hospital

