

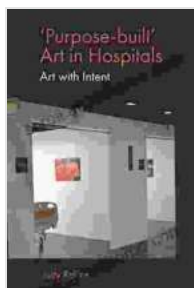
Purpose Built: Art in Hospitals with a Mission to Heal

The Transformative Power of Art

Hospitals are often associated with clinical settings, sterile environments, and images of illness. However, a growing body of evidence is revealing the transformative power of art in these spaces. Purpose Built: Art in Hospitals Art with Intent showcases the remarkable impact that carefully curated art can have on the well-being of patients, families, and healthcare professionals alike.

Art as Therapy

Art has long been recognized for its therapeutic benefits, and its presence in hospitals is no exception. Studies have shown that exposure to art can reduce stress, anxiety, and pain levels. In addition, art can provide a sense of calm, distract from discomfort, and stimulate positive emotions. For patients undergoing medical procedures, art can create a more comfortable and less intimidating environment.



'Purpose-built' Art in Hospitals: Art with Intent

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For example, the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida, has incorporated a comprehensive art program into its patient care. The hospital's collection features over 1,200 pieces of art, including paintings, sculptures, and murals. Research conducted at Moffitt has demonstrated that exposure to art reduces stress levels and improves mood among patients receiving chemotherapy.

Art as Inspiration

Art can also serve as a source of inspiration for patients and their families. The images, colors, and textures of art can spark creativity, uplift spirits, and provide a sense of hope. For those facing challenging medical journeys, art can offer a way to connect with their emotions and find strength.

One such example is the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, where a 300-foot mural depicts a vibrant underwater scene. The mural, created by artist Wyland, was inspired by the children's artwork and was designed to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for young patients.

Art as Education

In addition to its therapeutic and inspirational qualities, art can also play an educational role in hospitals. For example, the University Hospital in Leuven, Belgium, has a collection of over 14,000 medical illustrations and photographs, which provide educational resources for healthcare professionals. The hospital's art program also includes interactive exhibits that allow visitors to learn about the body and different medical conditions.

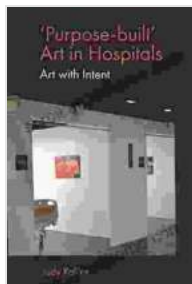
Art as Connection

Art can bridge the gap between patients, families, and healthcare professionals. By creating shared experiences, art can foster a sense of community and promote a more positive and supportive environment. For example, the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin hosts annual art exhibitions and workshops that bring together patients, families, and staff to create and appreciate art together.

Purpose Built: Art with Intent

Purpose Built: Art in Hospitals Art with Intent is a comprehensive exploration of the transformative power of art in healthcare settings. This richly illustrated book showcases over 100 hospital art programs from around the world, highlighting the diverse ways in which art is used to enhance the patient experience. Each chapter provides insights from leading healthcare professionals, artists, and design experts, offering practical guidance on how to incorporate art into hospital environments effectively.

Whether you are a healthcare provider seeking to improve patient well-being, an artist interested in creating meaningful work, or simply someone who wants to learn more about the intersection of art and health, Purpose Built: Art in Hospitals Art with Intent is an indispensable resource.



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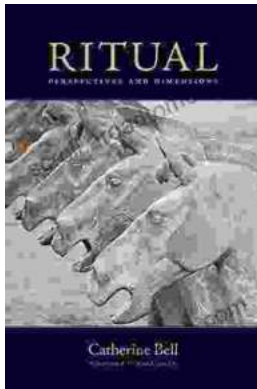
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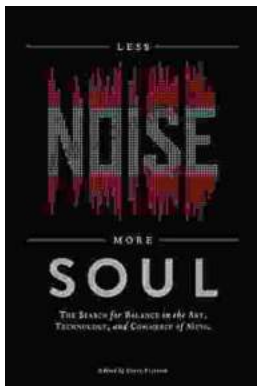
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