

# *Inpatient Access to Day Care*

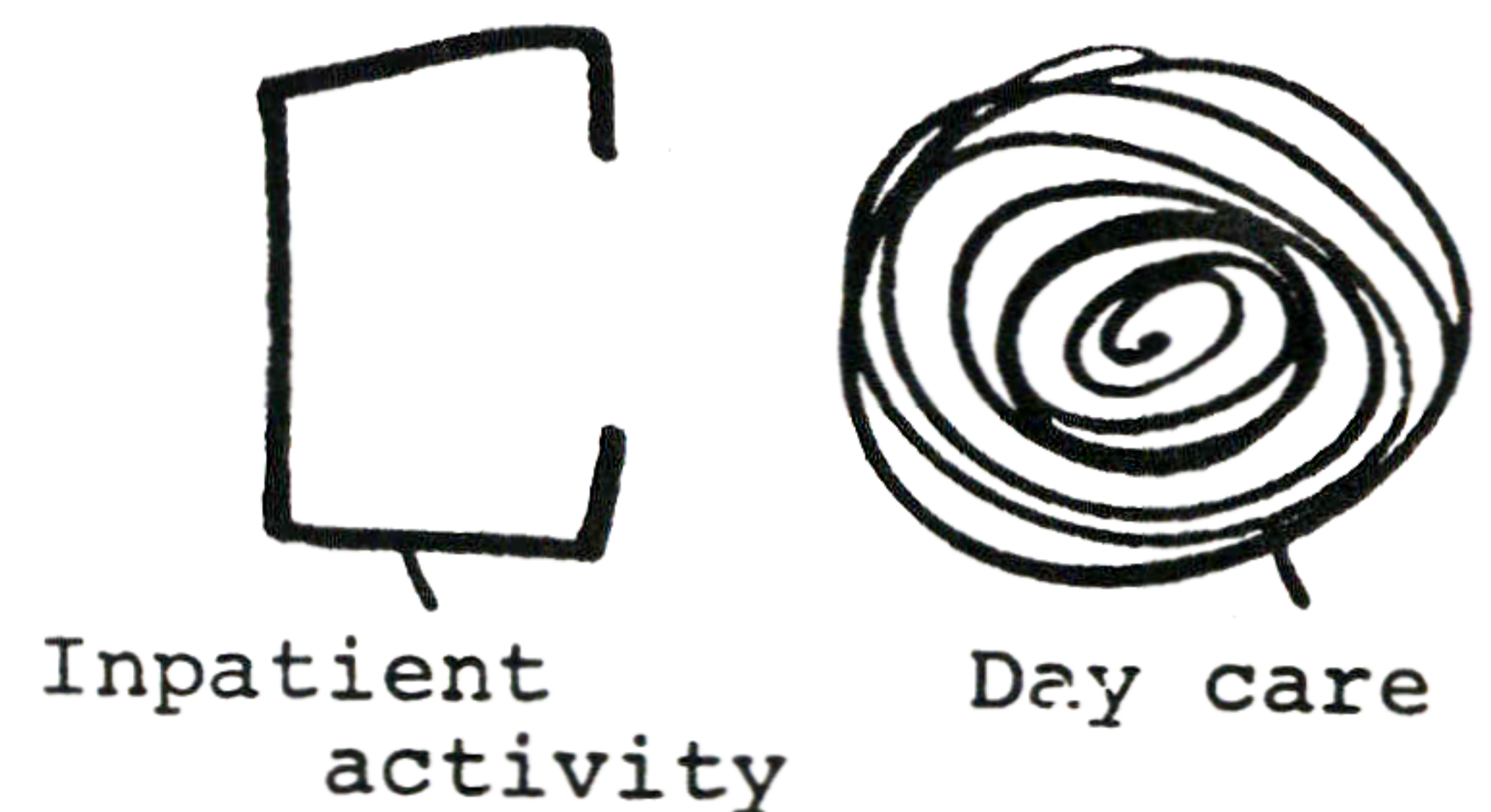
*Inpatients need contact with people from the outside world.*

A great number of the patients in an inpatient ward (sometimes 75 to 100%) are ambulant during the day.

Gradually enlarged contact with more and more people and larger spheres of activity is a critical part of the therapeutic process for these people who are free to move around. Day care patients provide the opportunity for inpatients to begin to

regain their contact with the outside world. Hence access to day care is desirable wherever possible. Typically, the day care department has three main branches, the home base, recreational therapy, and occupational therapy. It will be best if the inpatient activity space looks directly into these three areas: if not then the inpatient space should *lead* directly to them.

*Therefore: Place the inpatient activity space so that it looks or leads directly into the day care home base, occupational therapy and/or recreational therapy.*



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