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A study on-terminal care environment for elderly persons in a private house
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A case study was conducted to evaluate terminal care environment for elderly persons being provided by a visiting nurse. A focused case study on seven elderly persons were analyzed in term of their QOL and dignity during of the terminal care process; by observing home setting and interviewing to a visiting nurse. Psychological and physical changes for elderly persons were examined during one-year terminal care. The followings are the results:
1. The lower physical ability is the fewer private possessions in their private rooms. Their rooms were more alike hospital patient setting than homelike setting. It indicates the environment was effected by convenience of caregivers.
2. The interior and the taste were not influenced by patient, but by caregivers especially family members.
3. In order for successful terminal care, continuing care and medical supports were indispensable for the patient daily life.

Environmental Psychopathology: The Role of the Physical Environment in Diagnosing and Treating Mental Disorders
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What role does the physical environment play in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders? Three sets of presenters examine these issues, each from a different perspective. In the first presentation, Kathryn Anthony and Nicholas Jay Watkins investigate the physical environment of therapists' offices. In the second, Nicholas Jay Watkins explores the relationships between the physical environment and agoraphobia. And in the third, Frances Kuo and Andrea Faber Taylor address the relationships between the physical environment and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD). Each of these studies demonstrates that the physical environment may well have a significant impact on improving or worsening various mental conditions.

The Theory and Application of "Patterns" in Designing Places for people with Dementia
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Formal efforts to incorporate knowledge from psycho-social decision-making has been ongoing for the past half often occur at either a highly abstract level such as discrete level (e.g. "use non-glare floors"). Yet just as often design recommendations are made in more "bundled" statements, or what is referred to as patterns. Such patterns are difficult to disaggregate, making correlations and causational research difficult and any such reductionist research that is conducted is easy to dismiss as being arti-