Open Time in 6 Admission Units of the Psychiatric University Hospital of Zurich (PUK) 1995 to 1997

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Summary / Zusammenfassung
A major international trend in psychiatric care during the last decades has been the deinstitutionalization of the care providence system. There has been a shift in treatment towards more open settings guided by principles such as integration into the community and towards a greater accessibility and availability in the providence of care. The process towards a community-oriented care organization has been associated with expectations to preserve or improve patients' social skills and competence, a better ward atmosphere, better compliance with psychiatric treatment and acceptance of rehospitalization.

Since 1994 the organization of all admission units of the Psychiatric University Hospital of Zurich have been restructured to a more open setting. As a matter of principle, the doors of the wards are unlocked, but when more security is needed, for example in case of new admissions, acting out behavior, escape or suicide risk, the wards can be immediately re-locked. Between 1995 and 1997 in all six admission units, data concerning open time, number of patients, turnover rate, sex and compulsory treatment were taken from the logs of the wards. In total there are 4926 recorded days available. The aim of the present study is to analyse probable changes in open time of the wards and to investigate factors which are relevant to the operating system of the admission units.

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