Lighting for Behavioral Health

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In the next 3 years 14% of construction will be placed into specialty hospitals. At the top of that list is Behavioral Health among other project types, which will account for 46% of it. The Affordable Care Act has also been a driving force toward outpatient construction as patient experience becomes more closely tied to reimbursement in a hospital than ever before. This presentation will help you understand the types of patients, staff and family in these areas, their special needs and how to appropriately design lighting for them. We need to change the institutional public perception of mental health illnesses and creating beautiful deserving spaces is one step in the right direction.

Learning Points

- Understand the behavioral health population and construction needs.
- Review codes, guidelines and relevant resources one should use when designing behavioral health spaces.
- Show examples of successful designs and review case studies.
- Critically review lighting trends such as circadian lighting and possible risks and benefits in behavioral health spaces.
- Develop strategies for the implementation of lighting quality factors to promote emotional well-being.