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Health promotion & healthcare architecture - aspects of the built environment of healthcare facilities that promote health

The PhD project explores different interpretations of health promotion and how these interpretations are, or can be, translated into healthcare architecture. Health promotion is the process of empowering individuals and communities to get control over their health and wellbeing to increase the amount of chronic disease and reducing health inequality. And healthcare architecture, here is understood as the design process and built environment of healthcare facilities. The project focuses on the role(s) of outpatient healthcare architecture, and aims to inform future healthcare facility planning and design project by structuring and summarising opportunities for health promotion environments.

The project, as of start of 2017, includes a literature review and a case study. The case study investigates the health promotive ambitions of the new Närsjukhus in Angered, Gothenburg, and how these ambitions are translated into the building design.