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Jason Danziger heals psychosis with design

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A view of Danziger's design for the Soteria (photo WERNER HUTHMACHER / THINKBUILD ARCHITECTURE)

“ Danziger addressed the issues of perception: How does a patient with a shifted perception experience space? He focused on color, the distribution of light, material, and shape. — [NPR Berlin](#)

While designing for medically healthy clients can occasionally drive an architect insane, an entirely different set of challenges is involved in creating a safe and healing environment for [mentally ill](#) patients. Architect Jason Danziger found himself asking questions like: what makes a bed recognizable to someone in a clinically altered state of mind? Danziger's resulting design for the Soteria at St. Hedwig Hospital in Berlin, executed as part of an ongoing collaboration with medical director Dr. Martin Voss, won him the 2015 BDA Berlin Prize.

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Update: A previous version of this piece did not mention Dr. Martin Voss' role in the Soteria project.



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