



Healthcare for the Urban Working Poor and Incarcerated: Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Jamaica Plain, MA

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Lemuel Shattuck Hospital

The Shattuck, endearingly referred to as the 'Chateaux', functions as a safety net for individuals who might not be able to seek healthcare in other facilities. The mission of the hospital is to provide compassionate medical and psychiatric care to patients who require multi-disciplinary treatment and support to promote their health, well-being, rehabilitation and recovery. While the population of focus has shifted over the years, today's emphasis lies in treating HIV, tuberculosis, mental health, homelessness, and substance abuse.



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Population of Focus

Table 1. Survey of all discharges from Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in January 2014 (n=54).

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| Average Age | 46 |
| Gender (M:F) | 65%:35% |
| Homeless | 28% |
| Substance Abuse | 58% |
| Hepatitis C infection | 44% |
| Undocumented | 6% |
| Minority | 45% |

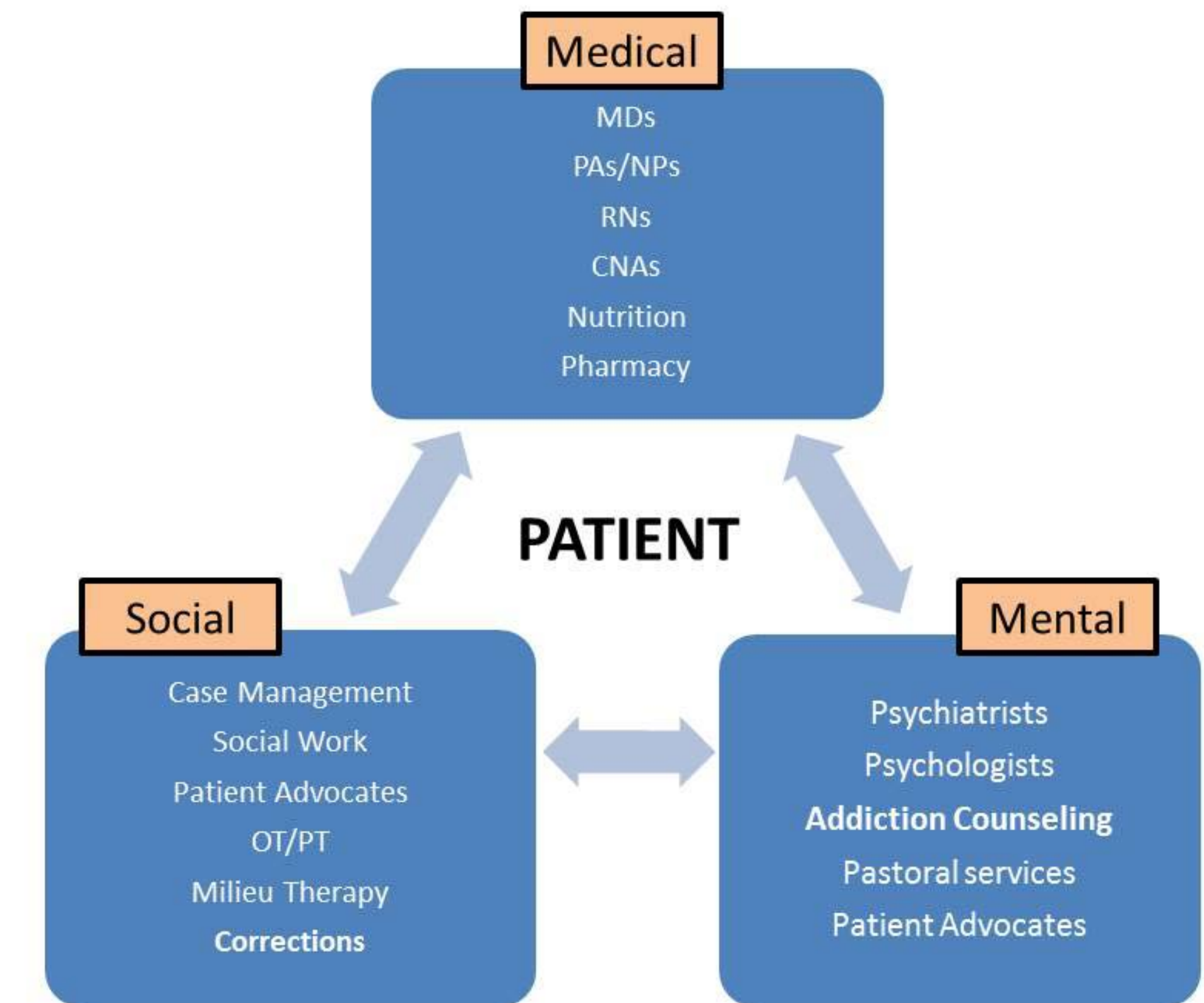


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Table 2. Referrals, bed capacity, admissions and total days spent by patients at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

| Referral Source | Bed Capacity | Admissions | Total Days |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Inmates | 28 | 826 | 8,778 |
| Mental Health | 115 | 167 | 41,717 |
| Community | 115 | 614 | 34,257 |
| Total | 258 | 1607 | 84,752 |

The Care Team



Learning Objectives

1. Get involved in medical care for underserved populations in Massachusetts
2. Gain exposure to the interdisciplinary teamwork required to care for patients with complex medical and social backgrounds

Service Learning Project



In discussions between students following different services, we were collectively shocked by the high prevalence of Infective Endocarditis among IV drug users at LSH. We produced a pamphlet to educate IV drug users about the risk of IE, as well as provide them with strategies to reduce their chance of infection.

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