

Medical Maze

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About the artist:

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About the artwork:

"This photograph is of an endless hospital hallway in the University of Washington Medical Center Health Sciences Building, where I teach and where I ended up as an inpatient in 2000, partially paralyzed by acute transverse myelitis. Even after twenty years of working in the giant academic medical complex (6 million square feet or so), I still find the medical maze literally and figuratively disorienting. I take photographs to interact with and inform my writing."

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