



## A day in the life of a hospital

**A** hospital may be one of the fascinating places that we rarely want to visit. For, it has many a tale of triumphs to tell -- fingers re-attached, lungs replaced and coronaries bypassed or stented. Babies born small enough to bathe in a big teacup, who once had no chance to breathe even for a day, today go home and grow up. May be they would become doctors too.

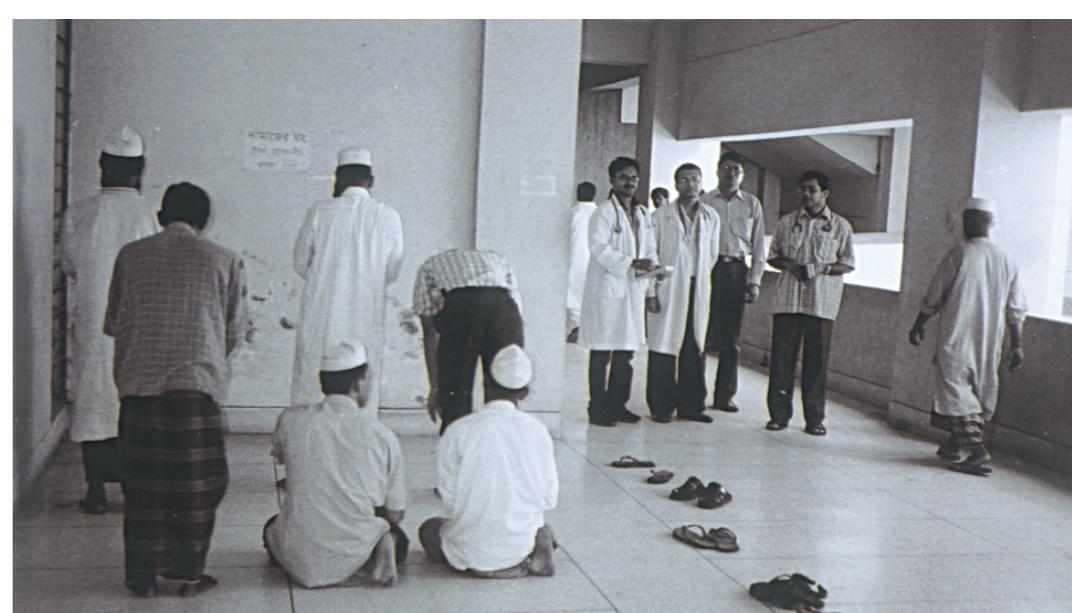
It also is a war zone. If you are not fighting 'the enemy or loading the weapon or plotting the next campaign', you can hardly understand



what a brave brutal and mysterious place this really is.

Hospitals often reach a point of crises without most of us knowing how. When your child is lying on a stretcher or your spouse is worrying about a heartache, you have no time to learn about the workings of these places, for you then just want someone to take care of them.

So, a hospital, as an institution, is more like a setting for the humanity's cradle-to-grave drama, where all of us are inevitably called to play our part.



Profile



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