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Architecture demonstrates how the spaces of healthcare themselves offer some of the most potent and functional articulations of therapy.
