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We are operating at a 21 bed capacity, although we have 25 beds for a variety of reasons, chiefly monetary and space. The units changed from a detoxification, revolving door facility to an extended treatment facility many years ago. When 12B was reclassified as general psychiatry, we remained on 15A where:

(1) Staff ratios were low, and we had to treat outpatients and inpatients with the same staff.

(2) Space on 15A had been assigned to 2 laboratories for the medical supervision of our patients.

(3) Once we were committed to an intensive, careful study of opiate dependence we filled fewer beds to provide adequate medical care and increased our OPD load. We now have 100 patients in continuous aftercare. During hospitalization we detoxify, treat medical illnesses (of which there are many) and induct on methadone, cyclazocine or naloxone.

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