Under the Weather
Naturally Animating Healthcare Spaces

External views of nature have been shown to reduce stress in building occupants in general and hospital patients in particular. Since only a small proportion of windows overlook natural scenery, however, this studio will explore the use of the one wilderness available everywhere, the earth’s atmosphere, as a source of natural change in healthcare environments. Members of the studio will be asked to choose from a range of existing healthcare spaces to remodel by integrating state of the art medical practice with the natural animation of the interior using the sun, wind or rain.

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Model: Riverend Hospital Bedroom, Anne McMahan, Living Space Design Studio, 2009
Painting: ‘Sun, Wind and Rain,’ David Cox (1783-1859), Watercolor, 1845