

### Metropolis: *by* LIGHT

**Biological Lighting** - Effects on health and well beeing

**CASE 4: Lightel** - Effects of biological lighting in eldercare





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#### Lightel – Effects of biological lighting in eldercare

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# Elderly people and disturbances in the Vircadian Rhythm

Scientists: 40% of elderly people over the age of 65 have problems sleeping







## Disturbance in the Circadian Rhythm







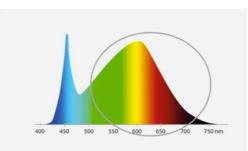
## Consequences of disturbance in the Circadian Rhythm

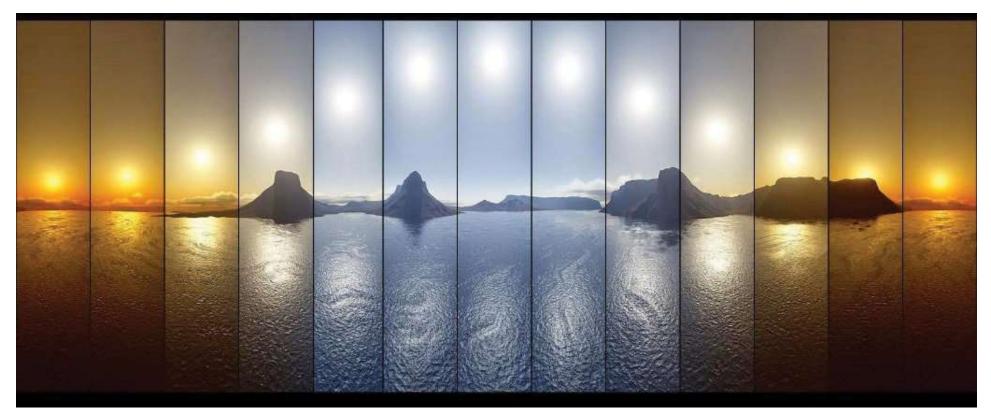
- Sleep disorder, lack of a good night's sleep
- Fatique and feeling tired during the day time
- Disoriented
- Lack of appetite
- Increase in the use of sleep medication
- Increased aggression and depression
- Decrease in the function of the Immune system





## Light is one of the stronges influencers of the Circadian Rhythm









#### Lightel project goal

Create clinical evidence regarding the effects of circadian Light in frail elderly people and people with dementia



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**Hvidovre** 

Hospital

- **Installation** of Circadian Lighting throughout the 5<sup>th</sup> floor in the Nursing home "Albertshøj" (30 homes)
  - Homes, Common areas, Hallways and Facility areas
- **Participants:** 24 participants (9 with dementia) and 15 controls

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- **Periods** of both Circadian Lighting and "ordinary" light
- Data Collection
  - Clinical Data
  - Anthropological data
  - Sensor data
- **Project duration** January 2016 December 2018
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#### Key takeaways WHAT WE LEANED FROM LIGHTEL

- *#1 Complexity Focus*
- *#2 Complexity Project plan, think people*
- *#3 Complexity Research plan, think people*

(Research results are expected in December 2018)

