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| QUESTION | DESCRIPTION |
| Who does the problem affect? | Patients(covid-affected, primary care, emergency care, long term care), hospital management |
| What are the boundaries of the problem? | The boundary contains all activities with the primary purpose of improving, maintaining, and preventing the deterioration of the health status of persons and mitigating the consequences of ill-health through the application of qualified health knowledge |
| What is the issue? | Prolonged stay in hospitals makes the patients feel uncomfortable both mentally and physically and also affect their day-to-day activities . |
| When does the issue occur? | The issue occurs when the patient is in critical condition and in the situation to get admitted. |
| Why is it important that we fix the problem? | Prolonged stay in acute hospitals increases the risk of hospital-acquired infections in older patients and disrupts patient flow and access to care due to bed shortages. |

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**