

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES

What was the purpose of the LIVE Study?

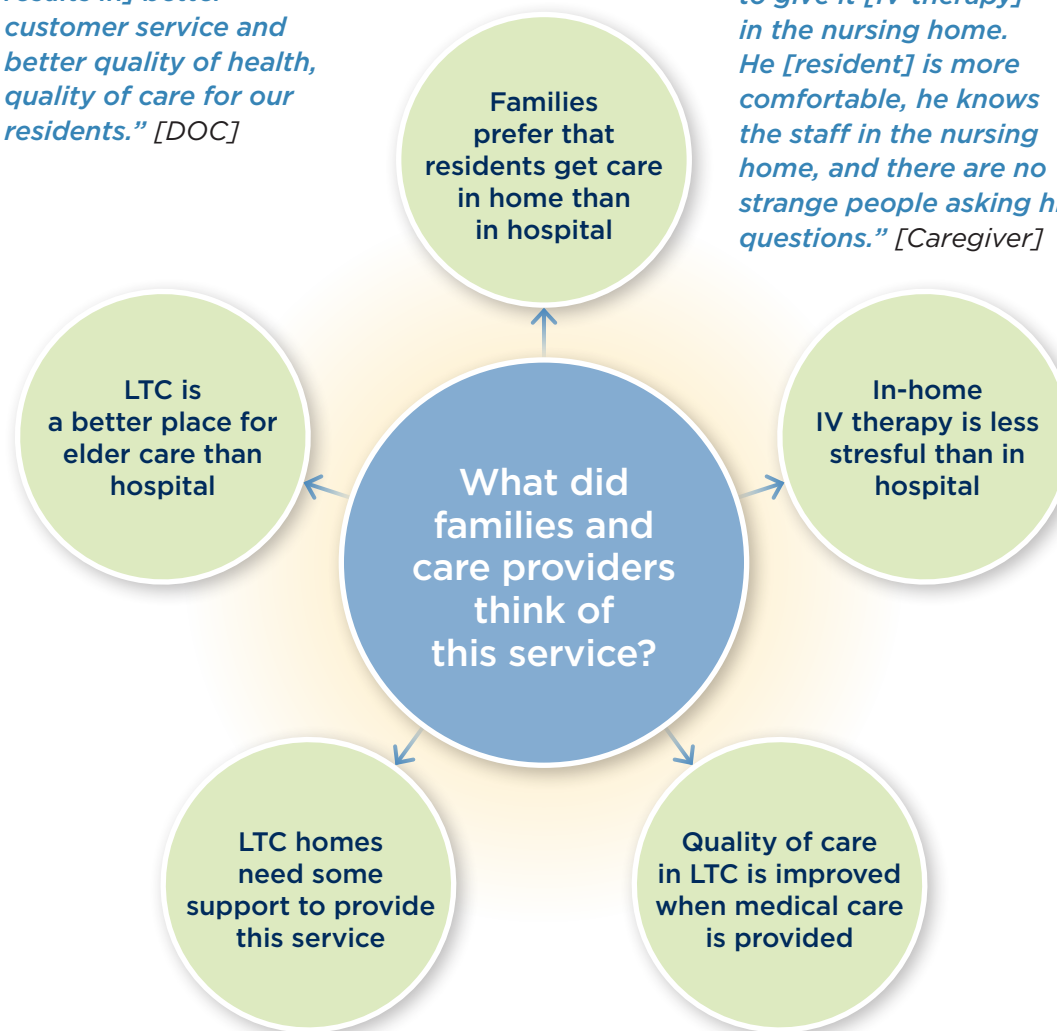
- IntraVenous (IV) therapy is usually provided in hospital.
- Studies have shown that when frail elders receive care in hospital they can sometimes become weaker.
- We wanted to learn if IV therapy could be safely administered in long-term care (LTC).
- In this study, LTC residents needing IV therapy received it in their home rather than in hospital.

Where was this service tested?

- This service was tested in 4 LTC homes in Hamilton and Grimsby for 9 months.
- After the study was over we interviewed caregivers of residents, nurses, physicians, and Directors of Care to find out what they thought of this service.

"[In-house IV therapy results in] better customer service and better quality of health, quality of care for our residents." [DOC]

"My choice would be to give it [IV therapy] in the nursing home. He [resident] is more comfortable, he knows the staff in the nursing home, and there are no strange people asking him questions." [Caregiver]



What were the key things learned in this study?

- LTC homes are able to provide IV therapy and can do this safely.
- Those involved with this service strongly support it.
- This service can sometimes avoid the need to transfer residents to hospital for IV therapy.

What happens now that the study is over?

- The service will continue in the homes that are using it now.
- The study team is working to improve the service based on what was learned in this study.

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