

P23 - GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS OF LONG TERM CARE HOMES

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Brief Description of Research or Project: The purpose of the study is to understand how seniors choose their long term care homes. The study will primarily focus on the distance between the long term care homes with resident's residence, based on their postal code. It looks at distance related questions on: - How far will seniors travel to go to a long term care home of their choice? - Is there any difference on travel distance for these seniors in rural vs. urban areas, across LHINS, cities, and size of home? - If the home has better living conditions (such as newer homes), are residents likely to travel further to them? - Are seniors likely to move from a rural/suburban area, into an urban area, to be close with their family? - How does the distance vary in areas where there's a lot of long term care beds (measured by beds per 75+ 1000 population)? **Why is this research important to profile at the Research Day 2014?** The study is important because it could provide a better perspective on how Ontario seniors choose their long term care homes, based on the home's demographics and location. It can also help to provide a better understanding in the demand of long term care homes and can help in the long term care capacity planning