

A close-up, high-resolution portrait of an elderly man with white hair and a mustache, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of his skin and the details of his facial features. The background is dark and out of focus.

Canadian Models of End-of-Life, Elder and Palliative Care Delivery

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Establishing our Context

- 14.6% of Canadians are 65 and older, yet account for nearly half of all health and social care spending (*Census, 2011*).
- Canada's older population is set to double over the next twenty years, while its 85 and older population is set to quadruple (*Sinha, HealthcarePapers 2011*).
- Canada's ageing population represents both a challenge and an opportunity.

Shifting Mortality Patterns

Causes of Death	Rank in 1900	Rank in 2005				
	All Ages	All Ages	65+	65-75	75-85	85+
Heart Disease	4	1	1	2	1	1
Cancer	8	2	2	1	2	2
Stroke	5	3	3	4	4	3
Chronic Lung Diseases	9	4	4	3	3	5
Alzheimer’s Dementia	10	7	5	10	5	4
Diabetes	-	6	7	5	6	7
Influenza/Pneumonia	1	8	6	8	7	6
Nephritis	6	9	8	7	8	8
Accidents	7	5	9	6	9	9
Septicaemia	2	10	10	9	10	10
Diarrhea and Enteritis	3	-	-	-	-	-

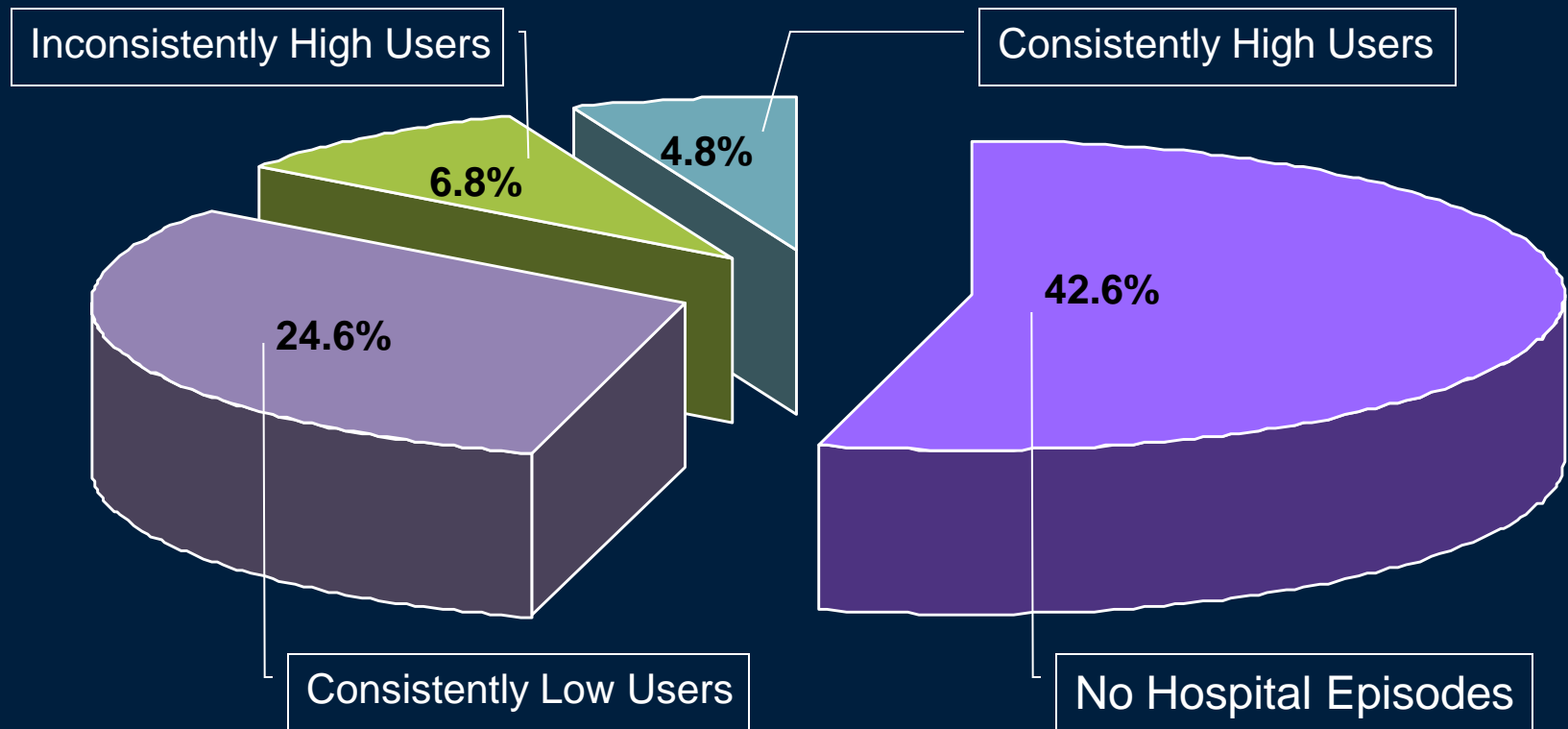
Data for 1900 from Lindor and Grove, 1947; Data for 2005 from National Vital Statistics Report, Vol 56, No. 10, April 24, 2008.

Ontario Inpatient Hospitalizations

Age	Discharges	Total LOS Days	ALOS
Population Total	945,089	6,075,270	6.4
Population 65+	370,039 (39%)	3,516,006 (58%)	9.8
65-69	6.9%	7.9%	7.3
70-74	7.7%	9.8%	8.2
75-79	8.5%	12.5%	9.4
80-84	7.9%	13%	10.5
85-89	5.3%	9.4%	11.4
90+	2.8%	5.3%	12.2

Canadian Institutes for Health Information (CIHI)

Ageing and Hospital Utilization in the 70+



- Only a ***small*** proportion of older adults are consistently extensive users of hospital services (Wolinsky, 1995)

What Defines our Highest Users?

- Polymorbidity
- Functional Impairments
- Social Frailty

Why Should this Matter?

According to ICES, in Ontario amongst the 65+...

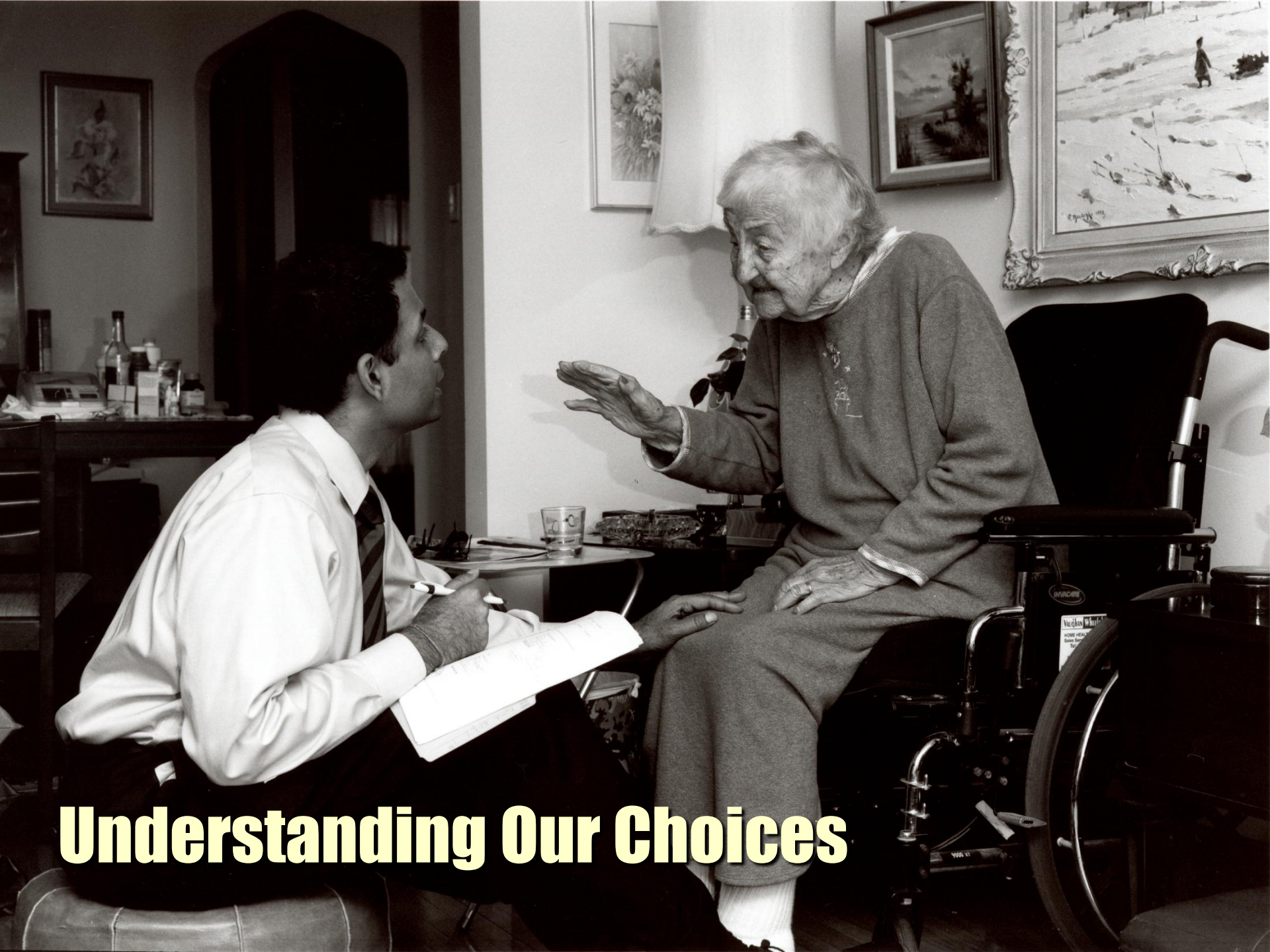
- The Most Complex **10%** of Older Adults Account for **60%** of our Collective Health Care Spending.
- The Least Complex **50%** of Older Adults Account for **6%** of our Collective Health Care Spending.

(ICES, 2012)

Our Dilemma

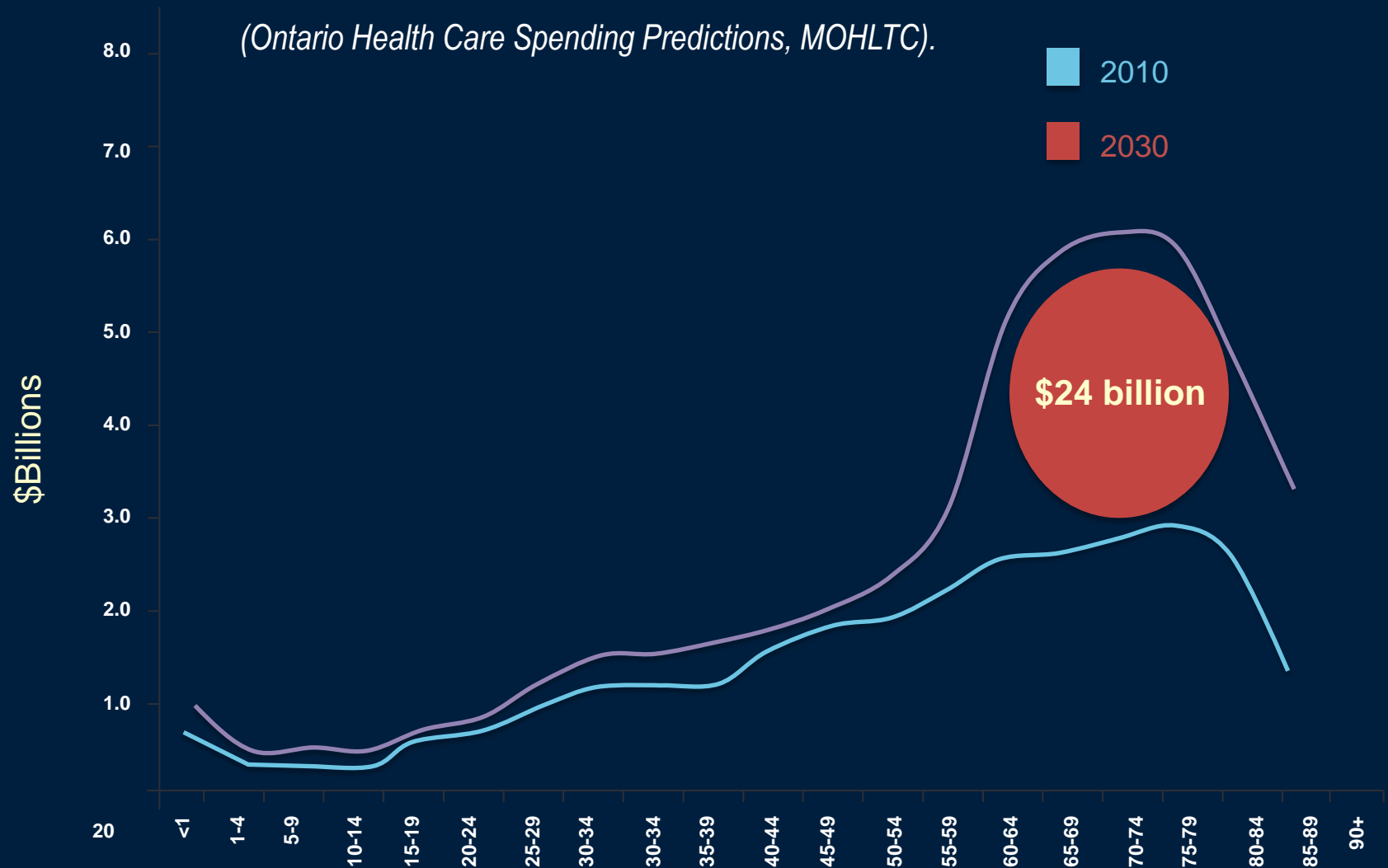
The way in which cities, communities, and our health care systems are currently designed, resourced, organised and delivered, often disadvantages older adults with chronic health issues.

As Ontarians, our Care Needs, Preferences and Values are evolving as a society, with increasing numbers of us wanting to age in place.

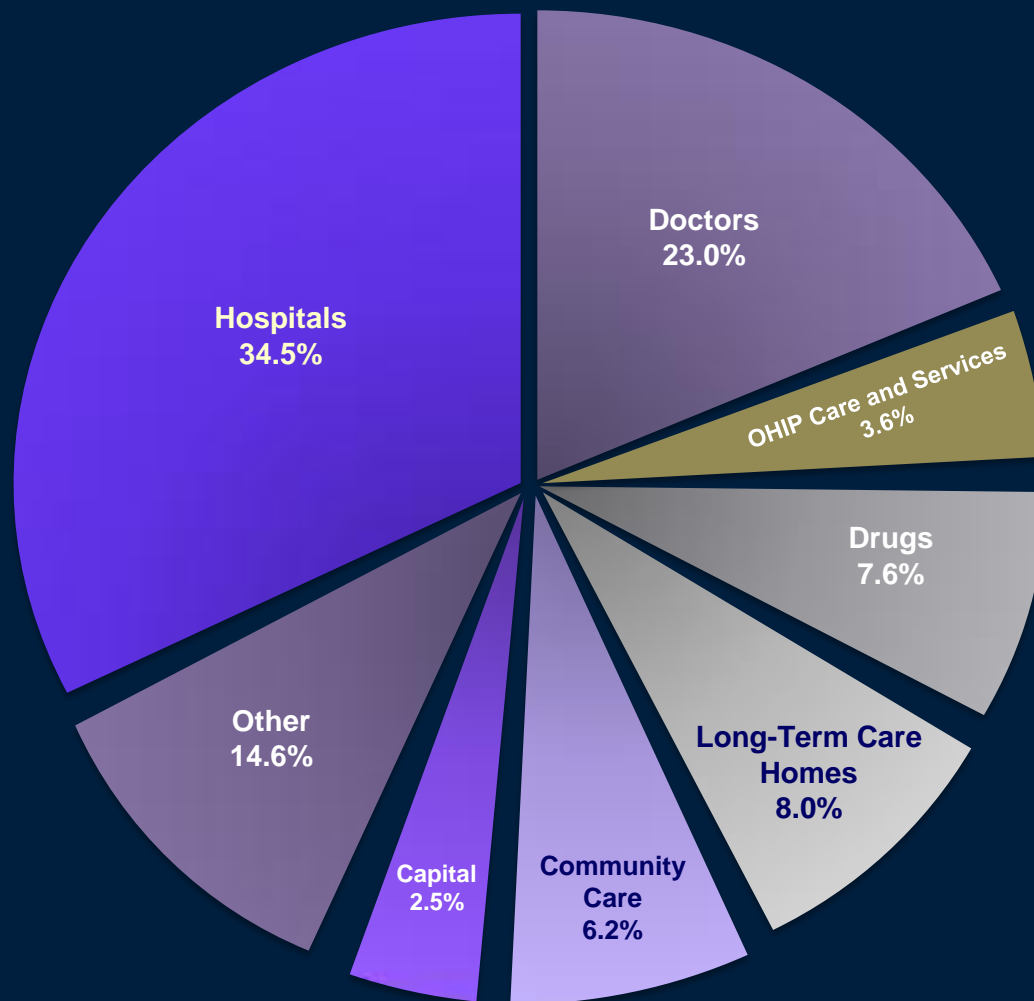


Understanding Our Choices

Our Future Will Cost Us More...



Our Future Requires Choices...

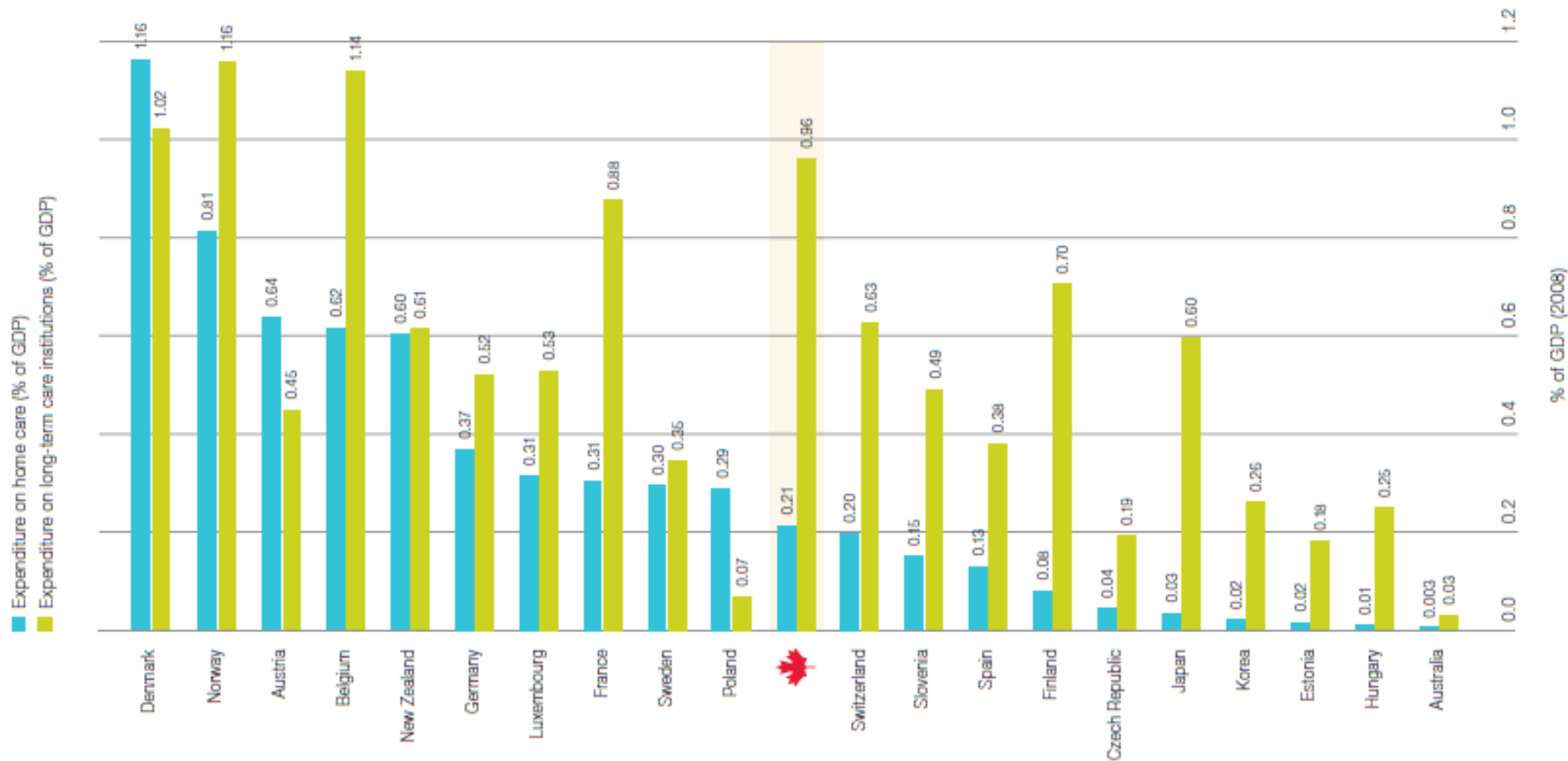


(Ontario Health Care Spending in 2011-12, MOHLTC).

What We are Learning in Ontario...

- Current Projections see the need for Long-Term Care (LTC) *increasing* to 238,000 Ontarians in the next two decades
(Conference Board of Canada, 2011).
- Supply of LTC Beds \neq Demand for LTC Beds across Ontario
- 37% of hospitalized Ontarians designated as ALC-LTC could be maintained at home with community care supports.
(The Change Foundation, 2011)

Spending on Home and Long-Term Care Across OECD Nations.



Source: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Health Data 2011 (data collected in 2008). http://stats.oecd.org/index.aspx?DataSetCode=HEALTH_STAT

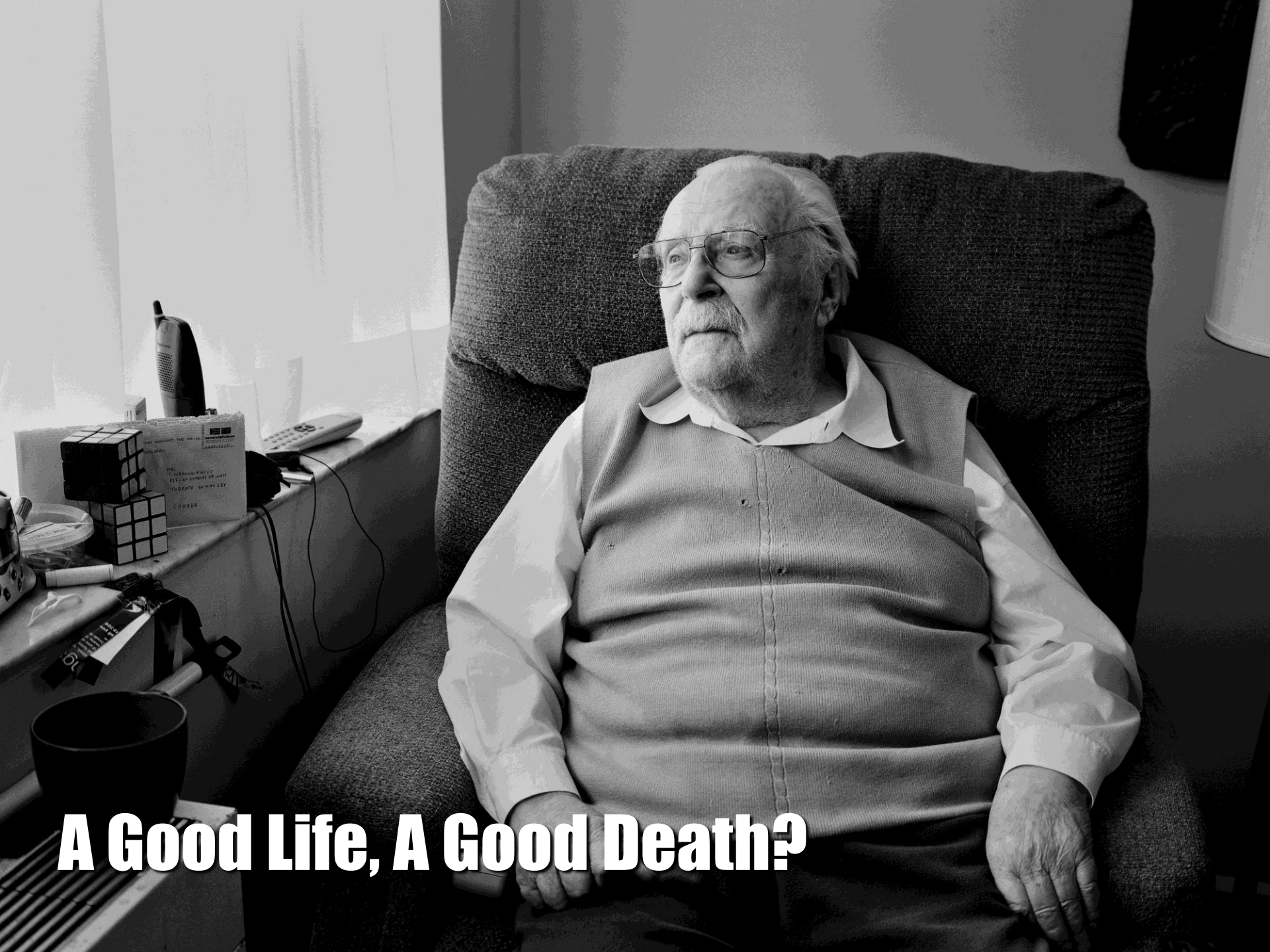
We Have Choices and Options...

- One Day in Hospital Costs ~ \$1000
- One Day in Long-Term Care Costs ~ \$130
- One Day of Supportive Housing or Home and Community Care Costs ~ \$55
- Denmark avoided building any new LTC beds over two decades, and actually saw the closure of thousands of hospital beds, by strategically investing more in its home and community care services.
- The Ontario government while freezing its hospital budgets has committed to at least an annual 4% increase in the Home and Community Care Budget from 2011 through to 2014.

ALC in Ontario By the Numbers

Over the Last Three Years...

- Home First Initiatives in Ontario have helped to transition back home over 30,000 patients at high risk of needing Long-Term Care.
- The numbers of ALC Patients has dropped 17% while those waiting for LTC in Hospitals have dropped from 3,145 to 2,141 (-32%).
- While there remain 19,000 Ontarians on LTC Waitlists, Supply (-2.7%) of, Demand (-6.9%) for, and Placement Rates (-26%) into LTC Beds have all decreased in Ontarians aged 75 and better.



A Good Life, A Good Death?

Truths and Realities...

- There is no standard for Canadian Models of Care.
- The US is in a better position – with an established hospice and palliative care benefit and where Palliative Care and Geriatrics are seen as partners in care.
- In Canada – integrated geriatrics and palliative care models are rare but are where the future lies. Future Models embrace:
 - Home-Based Care
 - Outpatient Care
 - Institutional Care (PCU and Hospice)
 - There is no required training for health care professionals in Canada in geriatrics, palliative or end-of-life care.

Understanding the Continuum of Care

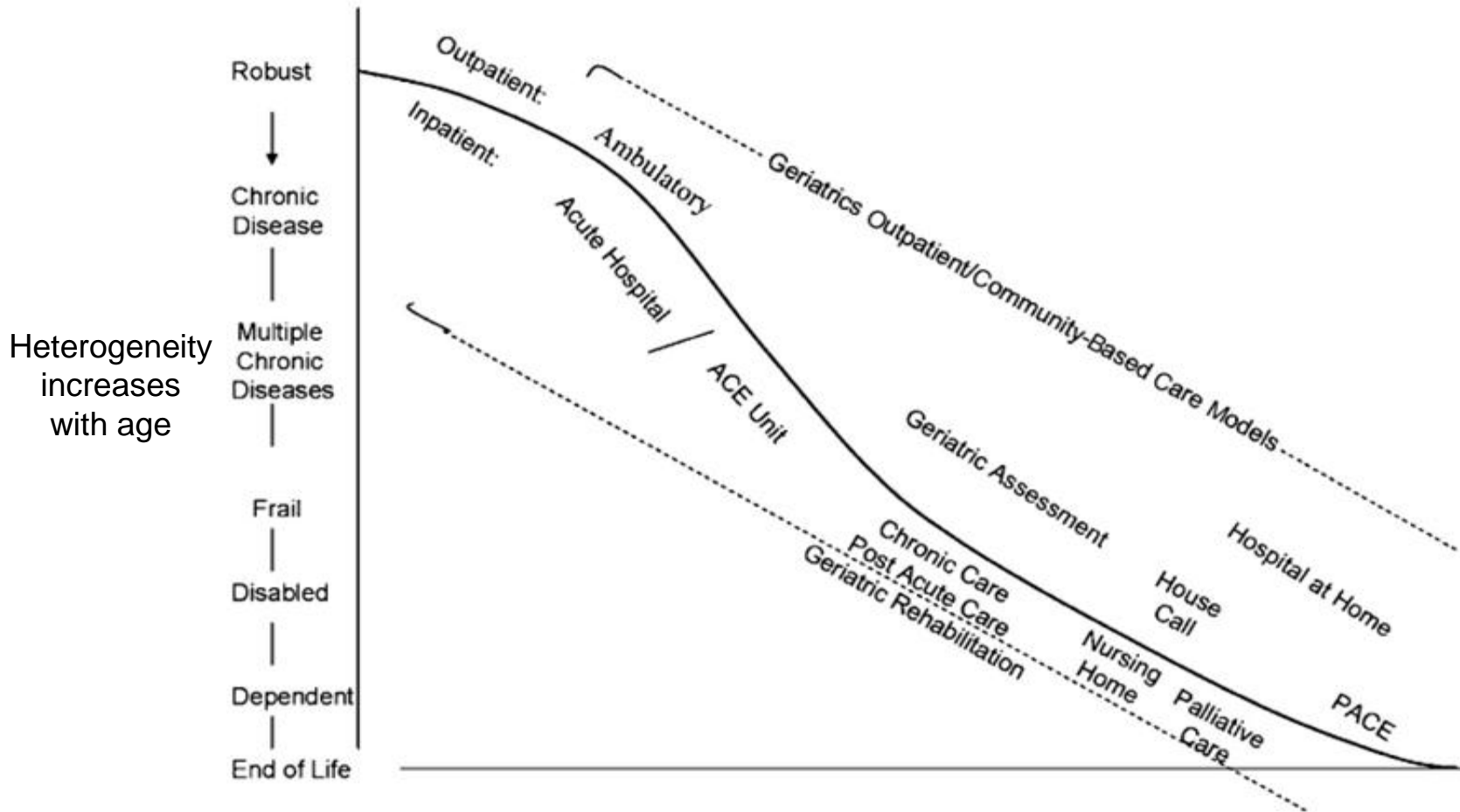


Figure 2. Continuum of geriatric care models.

ACE = Acute Care for the Elderly; PACE = Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.

The Mount Sinai Geriatrics Continuum

Outpatient Geriatric
Medicine, Geriatric
Psychiatry and Palliative
Medicine Clinics
CCAC – Clinic Coordinator

Ambulatory

Home-Based Geriatric
Primary/Specialty Care
Program: House Calls

Temmy Latner Home-Based
Palliative Care Program

CCAC – Integrated Client
Care Project (ICCP) Site

Reitman Centre for
Alzheimer's Support and
Caregiver Training

Community and Staff
Education Programs

Community

Geriatric Medicine,
Geriatric Psychiatry
and Palliative Medicine
Consultation Services
Orthogeriatrics Program
ICU Geriatrics Program
MAUVE Volunteer Program
ACE Unit
CCAC – ACE Coordinator

Inpatient

ISAR Screening

Geriatric Emergency
Management (GEM) Nurses

ED Geriatric Mental Health
Program

Emergency
Department

Evaluating Mount Sinai's ACE Strategy

LENGTH OF STAY (Age 65+)

FY 09/10 = 8.3 → **6.9** (Provincial Average = 9.8)

ALOS/ELOS RATIO (Age 65+)

FY 09/10 = 96.1 → **78.7**

CATHETER UTILIZATION RATIO (Age 65+)

- *FY 09/10* = 56% → **14.7%**

% RETURN HOME AT DISCHARGE (Age 65+)

- *FY 09/10* = 71.1% → **77.3%** (Current LHIN Average = 72.4%)

READMISSION w/n 30 DAYS (Age 65+)

- *FY 09/10* = 14.8 → **12.8%**

PATIENT SATISFACTION (Age 65+)

- *FY 09/10* = 95.4 → **96.9%** (LHIN Average = 93.5%)

An Emerging Model of Care

The Palliative and Therapeutic Harmonization (PATH) Clinic Initiative Principles in Action

- Encounter 1 – Understand Health Status
- Encounter 2 – Communicate and Provide Detailed Information to Patients and their Families.
- Encounter 3 – Empower the Patient/Family to Make Informed Decisions Beyond the Clinic.

In examining the decisions of the first 100 patients seen in this model – 93 made new treatment decisions.



Thank You

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