

Quality Standards

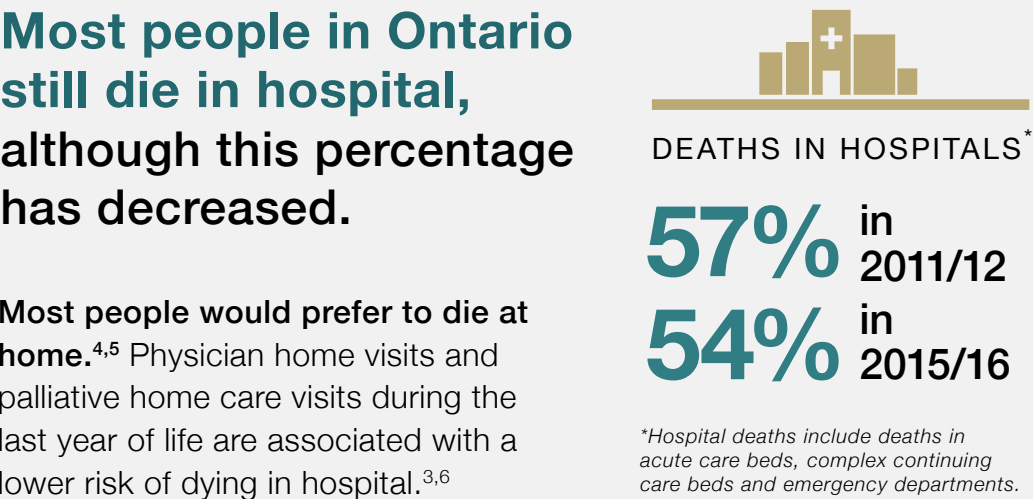
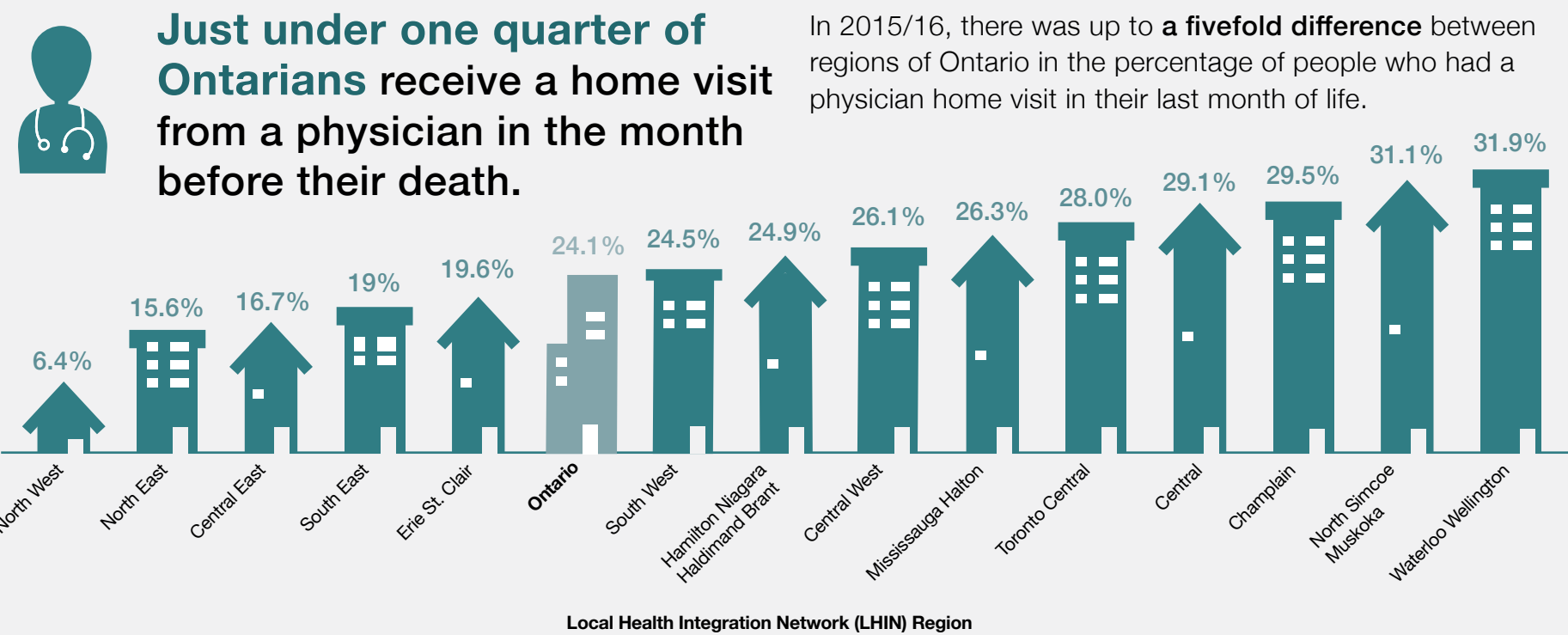
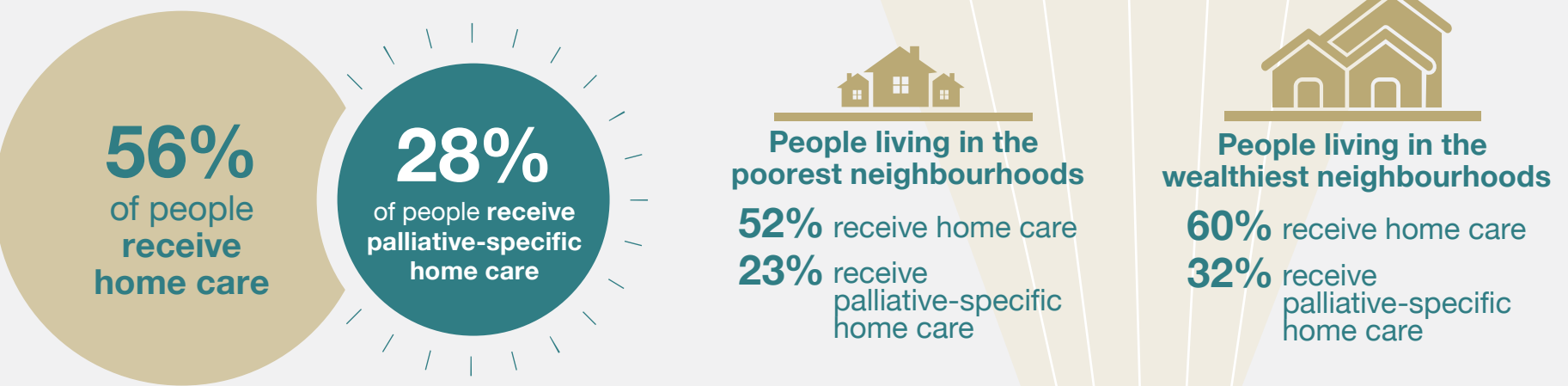
WHY WE NEED A QUALITY STANDARD FOR
Palliative Care in Ontario

Less than 60% of the people who die in Ontario have a record of having received palliative care services during their final 12 months of life.

Palliative care relieves suffering and improves the quality of living and dying for people with a life-limiting illness. **Earlier palliative care can lead to better quality of life,^{1, 2} and palliative-specific home care has been associated with a 50% reduction in the likelihood of dying in hospital.³**

Home visits by a health care provider and home care services are two examples of the many important components of excellent palliative care.

In Ontario, during their **final 30 days of life...**



Together, we can improve the quality of care for adults with a life-limiting illness who are considering palliative care.

That's why Health Quality Ontario – in collaboration with health care providers, and patients' families and caregivers – has developed this **quality standard** outlining what quality care looks like.

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