

# Telehomecare In Palliation Study (TIPS): a randomized controlled trial comparing the efficacy of telehomecare versus standard homecare for palliative oncology patients and their caregivers

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
Not provided at time of registration

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**Protocol serial number**  
PHCTF-G03-02803

## Study information

Scientific Title

Telehomecare In Palliation Study (TIPS): a randomized controlled trial comparing the efficacy of telehomecare versus standard homecare for palliative oncology patients and their caregivers

**Acronym**

TIPS

**Study objectives**

The number of hospital days for eligible palliative patients would be decreased by at least 30% for those patients who receive telehomecare versus those who receive standard care in the community

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Approved by Mount Sinai Research Ethics Board, 8th September 2004, reference number: 04-0187-E

**Study design**

Randomized controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Palliative oncology

**Interventions**

Intervention: telehomecare equipment including videophones, blood pressure measurement devices, pulse oximeters, and stethoscopes placed in patient homes, operated remotely by registered nurses, physicians, and case managers. Face to face visits also provided.

Control: standard homecare.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome(s)**

Utilization of acute care services

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Quality of life (patient and family caregiver)
2. Pain and symptom management (patient)
3. General health status (family caregiver)
4. Satisfaction (patient, family caregiver, health care professional)

**Completion date**

30/04/2006

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Newly referred to palliative care
2. Cancer diagnosis
3. Over 18 years of age
4. English speaking
5. Someone in the home able to operate the telehomecare equipment
6. Three pronged outlet in home
7. Digital Subscriber Line provision possible

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Life expectancy <2 weeks upon referral as evidenced by a palliative performance scale (PPS) score of 20% or less

**Date of first enrolment**

18/10/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

30/04/2006

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

**Study participating centre**

600 University Avenue

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Primary Health Care Transition Fund (Canada)

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Government

### Funder Name

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## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

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