Patients Preferences Are Getting Unwanted Care (Frontline Facts)

• 7 out of 10 Americans say they would prefer to die at home.

Source: Time/CNN Poll (2000)

• Only 25 percent of Americans actually die at home.

Source: Centers for Disease Control (2005) [PDF]

• More than 80 percent of patients with chronic diseases say they want to avoid hospitalization and intensive care when they are dying.

Source: Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care (2005)