70% prefer to die at home, but too many still die in the hospital.

Percentage who died in hospitals:
- California 2003: 34%
- California 2010: 29%
- National Average 2010: 25%

67% prefer a natural death/low-intensity care, but many receive aggressive care at the end of life.

Percentage who saw 10+ doctors in the last 6 months of life:
- California 2003: 30%
- California 2010: 41%
- National Average 2010: 42%

66% say it is “extremely important” to be comfortable and pain-free, but many don’t receive the full benefits of hospice care.

Number of days in hospice care:
- California 2003: 10
- California 2010: 17
- National Average 2010: 21

57% of Californians say it is “extremely important” that their medical care wishes are followed. However, only 23% put their wishes in writing.

Physicians can start a conversation with their patients, and patients can document their wishes in writing.


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