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Background

The Programs for the Assessment of Technology in Health (PATH) Research Institute/Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment (THETA) Collaborative was commissioned by Health Quality Ontario to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and predict the long-term costs and effects of a technique for disease. Published economic evaluations are reviewed, and the structure and inputs of the economic model used to estimate cost-effectiveness are summarized. The results of the economic analyses are presented for the technique versus comparator, and the budget impact of implementing each intervention is estimated.

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Non-hospital costs: These include physician services costs obtained from the Ontario Benefits for Physician Services, laboratory fees from the Ontario Schedule of Laboratory Fees, drug costs from the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary, and device costs from the perspective of local health care institutions whenever possible, or from the device manufacturer.

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NOTE: Numbers may be rounded to the nearest decimal point, as they may be reported from an Excel spreadsheet.

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Objective of Analysis

The objective of this rapid review is to assess the cost-effectiveness of home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation for community dwelling postacute stroke patients.

Clinical Need and Target Population

Rehabilitation plays an important role in reducing disability during functional recovery of stroke patients. (1) Continual improvements in activities of daily living are observed in stroke patients who continue stroke rehabilitation after completing inpatient rehabilitation. (2) Although the benefits of continuing rehabilitation are clear, there is continual debate over the appropriate location of rehabilitation after discharge from an inpatient facility. Home-based rehabilitation allows a clinician to provide care from a long-term perspective and is more effective in addressing handicaps and psychosocial issues than a hospital facility. (3) Centre-based rehabilitation from an outpatient clinic or hospital facility provides a platform for bringing together interdisciplinary rehabilitation teams to treat patients and for training future clinicians in stroke care. (4) The evidence regarding the setting with the most cost-effective stroke rehabilitation for a community-dwelling stroke population will be explored. Economically, for centre-based stroke rehabilitation, the maintenance of a facility dedicated to outpatient rehabilitation is an ongoing cost, and individuals post-stroke may experience mobility issues that may increase the cost of transportation to and from appointments. Increased costs for home-based rehabilitation include additional service by allied health practitioners and other home care services.

Rapid Review

Research Question

What is the cost per quality-adjusted life-year of centre-based rehabilitation (outpatient clinic or rehabilitation centre) compared to home-based rehabilitation for community-dwelling stroke patients discharged from hospital inpatient facility?

Research Methods

Literature Search

A literature search was performed on November 13, 2013 to identify studies published up to November 13, 2013, using the following databases:

- Ovid MEDLINE®
- Wiley Cochrane Library
- Centre for Reviews and Dissemination database

The search terms were identical to the search conducted for the clinical evidence rapid review with additional limits to restrict results to economic-related studies (Appendix 1). As well, given the smaller number of relevant economic articles anticipated, the economic rapid review included observational studies. Titles and abstracts were reviewed by a single reviewer and, for those studies potentially meeting the eligibility criteria, full-text articles were obtained and reviewed. Reference lists were also examined for any additional relevant studies not identified through the search.

Inclusion Criteria

- English-language full reports
- published up to November 13, 2013
- adults discharged from inpatient hospital for stroke requiring rehabilitation
- comparing home-based rehabilitation to centre-based rehabilitation

Exclusion Criteria

- letters, editorials or historical articles
- studies investigating early supportive discharge from inpatient hospital to home-based rehabilitation

Outcomes of Interest

- costs
- quality-adjusted life-years

Expert Panel

In November 2013, an Expert Advisory Panel on Post-Acute Community-Based Care for Stroke Patients was struck. Members of the panel included physicians, nurses, allied health professionals, and personnel from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The role of the expert advisory panel was to provide advice on primary stroke patient groupings; to review the evidence, guidance, and publications related to defined stroke patient populations; to identify and prioritize interventions and areas of community-based care; to advise on the development of a care pathway model; and to develop recommendations to inform funding mechanisms. The role of panel members was to provide advice on the scope of the project, the methods used, and the findings. However, the statements, conclusions, and views expressed in this report do not necessarily represent the views of the expert panel members.

Critical Appraisal of the Economic Evidence

The usefulness of each identified study for decision-making was determined by applying a modified methodology checklist for economic evaluations developed by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in the United Kingdom. The original checklist is used to inform development of the clinical guidelines by NICE. The wording of the questions was modified to remove references to guidelines and to make it Ontario specific. A summary of the number of studies judged to be directly applicable, partially applicable, or not applicable to the research question will be presented. For studies deemed directly or partially applicable, the level of limitations (minor, potentially serious, or very serious limitations) are assessed and presented.

Results of Rapid Review

In total, 231 citations were identified in Ovid Medline® up to November week 1. A total of 45 articles were identified in the Cochrane databases. Of the 45 articles originating from the Cochrane databases, 39 were found in the Medline search and 6 were unique. Thus, a total of 237 citations were reviewed.

From the preliminary review of titles and abstracts, 228 studies were excluded from further review (Appendix 2). The full text of the remaining 9 studies were selected for more detailed review. After a full text review, no studies met the criteria for inclusion (Appendix 3). One potential additional study was identified in the bibliography of Roderick et al (5) and was included for detailed review. However, upon further review, this study did not meet inclusion criteria either.

As a secondary analysis, three studies presented a cost comparison of home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation after noting that clinical outcomes were not statistically significant between the two interventions. All three studies were from the United Kingdom and were cost comparison studies that did not measure quality-adjusted life-years.

In the study by Roderick et al (5), 140 patients were randomized to receive domiciliary (home-based) or routine (day-hospital) care. There was greater improvement observed for domiciliary care in all outcomes measured. However, the differences were small and not statistically significant. Median costs at 6 months were lower for day hospital compared to domiciliary care.

Gladman et al (6) randomized 327 patients to receive domiciliary or routine (hospital-based) care. Over a 14-month time frame, mean per patient costs for hospital-based services were less than domiciliary

services. Domiciliary services became less expensive only in cases where the patient was elderly and frail and receiving routine care from the geriatric day hospital.

In the third study by Young and Forster (7), routine rehabilitation was compared to home physiotherapy in an elderly stroke population. Over an 8-week time frame, median costs for routine rehabilitation were statistically significantly higher than for domiciliary services. See Table 1 for details.

Table 1: Characteristics of RCTs Included in the Rapid Review

Study	Intervention	Comparator	Efficacy outcomes	Cost outcomes
Young and Forster, 1993 (7)	Domiciliary rehabilitation	Routine rehabilitation	Based on an RCT that showed no statistically significant improvements in ability on stairs, walking outside and social activity. No differences in perceived health (NHP)	Median cost for intervention £385.00 (£240.00 to £510.00 IQR), £620.00 (£550.00-£730.00 IQR, statistically significant.
Gladman et al, 1994 (3)	Domiciliary rehabilitation	Routine rehabilitation	Based on an RCT that showed no statistically significant difference in mortality, ADL, perceived health and social engagement, or life satisfaction of the carer	Mean cost of £408.20 for intervention, £320.30 for comparator (1989/90 currency)
Roderick et al, 2001 (5)	Domiciliary rehabilitation	Routine rehabilitation	No statistically significant improvements in function (BI), mobility (RMI), morale (PGCM), and health status (SF-36)	Median costs for intervention £2208.00 (£694.00 to £3849.00 IQR) £1568.00 (£982.00 to £3030.00 IQR) for comparator, not statistically significant

Abbreviation: ADL, activities of daily living; BI, Barthel index; IQR, interquartile range; NHP, Nottingham health profile; PGCM, Philadelphia Geriatric Centre Morale scale; RCT, randomized controlled trial; RMI, Rivermead mobility index.

Limitations

According to an economic rapid review comparing home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation in postacute stroke patients, there are no cost-utility studies. Three studies did not conduct a full cost-effectiveness study, but instead present a cost-comparison. The time line for these studies was also brief, with a 6-month period in two studies and an 8-week in another. Thus, there are potentially serious limitations to interpreting the results of these studies in the long-term. The studies were based in the United Kingdom, which may yield different results than a study based in Canada. More importantly, the observation period of the 3 included studies took place more than 20 years ago. Since that time there have been changes to practice patterns and quality of care. The results of the included studies should be interpreted with caution.

Conclusions

Due to the lack of cost-utility studies comparing home-based versus centre-based rehabilitation for community dwelling postacute stroke patients, this study is unable to establish a cost per quality-adjusted life-year comparison.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Literature Search Strategies

Search date: November 13, 2013

Databases searched: OVID MEDLINE 1946 to November Week 1 2013, MEDLINE In-Process and Other Non-Indexed Citations November 13, 2013

Limits: English language, not letter, editorial or historical article

Filters: Economic evaluation filter

#	Searches	Results	Description
1	exp Patient Discharge/ or exp Aftercare/ or exp Convalescence/ or "Continuity of Patient Care"/ or exp "Recovery of Function"/ or ((patient* adj2 discharge*) or after?care or post medical discharge* or post?discharge* or convalescen*).ti,ab.	100711	Aftercare Terms
2	exp Stroke/ or exp brain ischemia/ or exp intracranial hemorrhages/ or (stroke or poststroke or tia or transient ischemic attack or ((cerebral vascular or cerebrovascular) adj (accident* or infarct*)) or CVA or cerebrovascular apoplexy or brain infarct* or (brain adj2 isch?emia) or (cerebral adj2 isch?emia) or (intracranial adj2 h?emorrhag*) or (brain adj2 h?emorrhag*).ti,ab.	266662	Stroke Terms
3	exp Rehabilitation/ or exp Rehabilitation Nursing/ or exp "Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine"/ or exp Rehabilitation Centers/ or exp Physical Therapy Modalities/ or (rehabilitat* or habilitat* or movement therap* or physiotherap* or physical therap* or exercis* or occupational therap* or mobilization or mobilisation or strength train*).ti,ab.	551603	Rehabilitation Terms
4	exp Stroke/rh or exp brain ischemia/rh or exp intracranial hemorrhages/rh	8219	Stroke with Rehabilitation subheadings
5	2 and 3	20999	
6	5 or 4	22761	
7	1 and 6	3253	
8	economics/ or exp "costs and cost analysis"/ or economics, dental/ or exp "economics, hospital"/ or economics, medical/ or economics, nursing/ or economics, pharmaceutical/ or (economic\$ or cost or costs or costly or costing or price or prices or pricing or pharmaco-economic\$.ti,ab. or (expenditure\$ not energy).ti,ab. or (value adj1 money).ti,ab. or budget\$.ti,ab.	596920	Economic Evaluation Filter: NHS EED MEDLINE
9	((energy or oxygen) adj cost) or (metabolic adj cost) or ((energy or oxygen) adj expenditure)).ti,ab.	20775	best sensitivity from Glanville, 2009
10	8 not 9	592206	
11	(letter or editorial or historical article).pt.	1469028	
12	10 not 11	563636	
13	Animals/ not (Animals/ and Humans/)	3968235	
14	12 not 13	530020	
15	7 and 14	247	
16	limit 15 to English language	231	

Search date: November 13, 2013

Databases searched: Cochrane Library Databases (Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Methodology Register, Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effects, Health Technology Assessment, NHS Economic Evaluation Database)

Limits: English language, not letter, editorial or historical article

Filters: Economic evaluation filter

ID	Search	Hits	
#1	MeSH descriptor: [Patient Discharge] explode all trees	966	
#2	MeSH descriptor: [Aftercare] explode all trees	406	
#3	MeSH descriptor: [Convalescence] this term only	118	
#4	MeSH descriptor: [Continuity of Patient Care] this term only	475	
#5	MeSH descriptor: [Recovery of Function] this term only	2509	
#6	((patient* near/2 discharge*) or after?care or post medical discharge* or post?discharge* or convalescen*):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched)	2965	
#7	#1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6	6069	
#8	MeSH descriptor: [Stroke] explode all trees	4580	
#9	MeSH descriptor: [Brain Ischemia] explode all trees	2076	
#10	MeSH descriptor: [Intracranial Hemorrhages] explode all trees	1209	
#11	(stroke or poststroke or tia or transient ischemic attack or ((cerebral vascular or cerebrovascular) near (accident* or infarct*)) or CVA or cerebrovascular apoplexy or brain infarct* or (brain near/2 isch?emia) or (cerebral near/2 isch?emia) or (intracranial near/2 h?emorrhag*) or (brain near/2 h?emorrhag*)):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched)	20573	
#12	#8 or #9 or #10 or #11	21792	
#13	MeSH descriptor: [Rehabilitation] explode all trees	13131	
#14	MeSH descriptor: [Rehabilitation Nursing] explode all trees	37	
#15	MeSH descriptor: [Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine] explode all trees	343	
#16	MeSH descriptor: [Rehabilitation Centers] explode all trees	538	
#17	MeSH descriptor: [Physical Therapy Modalities] explode all trees	13680	
#18	(rehabilitat* or habilitat* or movement therap* or physiotherap* or physical therap* or exercis* or occupational therap* or mobilization or mobilisation or strength train*):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched)	53773	
#19	#13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17 or #18	62892	
#20	MeSH descriptor: [Stroke] explode all trees and with qualifiers: [Rehabilitation - RH]	1072	
#21	MeSH descriptor: [Brain Ischemia] explode all trees and with qualifiers: [Rehabilitation - RH]	62	
#22	MeSH descriptor: [Intracranial Hemorrhages] explode all trees and with qualifiers: [Rehabilitation - RH]	21	
#23	#20 or #21 or #22	1086	
#24	#12 and #19	4121	
#25	#23 or #24	4259	
#26	#7 and #25	543	

#27	MeSH descriptor: [Economics] this term only	53	
#28	MeSH descriptor: [Costs and Cost Analysis] explode all trees	20621	
#29	MeSH descriptor: [Economics, Dental] this term only	3	
#30	MeSH descriptor: [Economics, Hospital] explode all trees	1501	
#31	MeSH descriptor: [Economics, Medical] this term only	36	
#32	MeSH descriptor: [Economics, Nursing] this term only	15	
#33	MeSH descriptor: [Economics, Pharmaceutical] this term only	225	
#34	(economic* or cost or costs or costly or costing or price or prices or pricing or pharmacoeconomic*) or (expenditure* not energy) or (value near/1 money) or budget*:ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched)	38910	
#35	#27 or #28 or #29 or #30 or #31 or #32 or #33 or #34	38988	
#36	((energy or oxygen) near cost) or (metabolic near cost) or ((energy or oxygen) near expenditure):ti,ab,kw (Word variations have been searched)	1976	
#37	#35 not #36	38539	
#38	letter or editorial or historical article:pt (Word variations have been searched)	5894	
#39	#37 not #38	38459	
#40	MeSH descriptor: [Animals] explode all trees	6334	
#41	MeSH descriptor: [Humans] explode all trees	1080	
#42	#40 not (#40 and #41)	5254	
#43	#39 not #42	38300	
#44	#26 and #43	45	

Appendix 2: List of Search Results and Reason for Exclusion

Search date: November 13, 2013

Databases searched: OVID MEDLINE 1946 to November Week 1 2013, MEDLINE In-Process and Other Non-Indexed Citations November 13, 2013

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Filters: Economic evaluation filter

Study	Reason for Exclusion
Sunnerhagen KS, 2013	Early supported discharge
Marquez-Romero JM, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Foundas AL, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Krebs HI, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Norrving B, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Farjadian AB, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Forster A, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
De, Ryck A, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Bejor M, 2013	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Saywell N, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Bunketorp KL, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Vluggen TP, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Malesevic NM, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hosomi M, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Harwood M, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Akinwuntan AE, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Dalvandi A, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Fearon P, 2012	Early supported discharge
Schmid A, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Deutsch JE, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Norris M, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Plowman E, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Maguire C, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Coss MJ, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Forster A, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Malesevic NM, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Bunketorp KL, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Vluggen TP, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Fearon P, 2012	Repeat
Deutsch JE, 2012	Repeat
Maguire C, 2012	Repeat
Yelnik AP, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hillier S, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Malviya A, 2011	Not stroke related
Harwin WS, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Sommerfeld DK, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Sullivan JE, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Mann G, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Ferrante S, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Koga M, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
DeVilliers L, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Tellier M, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Nadeau S, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation

Kowalczewski J, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hogan N, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Howrey BT, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Scott SH, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Fisher S, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Fisher RJ, 2011	Early supportive discharge
O'Connor RJ, 2011	Not stroke
Ozyemisci-Taskiran O, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kuwabara K, 2011	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Malviya A, 2011	Repeat
Ferrante S, 2011	Repeat
Howrey BT, 2011	Repeat
Godfrey SB, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Colla CH, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Buntin MB, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Jackson K, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Lutz BJ, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Sabut SK, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Skibicka I, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
English C, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Dalvandi A, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Heijnen RW, 2010	Early supportive discharge
Hoffmann T, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Lo AC, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Koton S, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hula WD, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Conforto AB, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Green TL, 2010	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Colla CH, 2010	Repeat
English C, 2010	Repeat
Conforto AB, 2010	Repeat
Buntin MB, 2010	Repeat
Heijnen RW, 2010	Repeat
Schweighofer N, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Dolce G, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hamzat TK, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Saposnik G, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Van de Port IG, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Feng W, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kong KH, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Rousseaux M, 2009	Early supportive discharge
Krug G, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Sivak M, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Batchelor FA, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Page SJ, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Carod-Artal JF, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kollen BJ, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Quinn TJ, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Dombovy ML, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hesse S, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Van de Port IG, 2009	Repeat
Page, SJ	Repeat
Schweighofer N, 2009	Repeat

Ivey FM, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Nelson MM, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Ostwald SK, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Rand D, 2009	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Archongka Y, 2008	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Ostwald SK, 2008	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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French B, 2008	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Mayer NH, 2008	Not stroke
Wann-Hansson C, 2008	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Lo W, 2008	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Carinci F, 2008	Review full text
Rosati G, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Flynn S, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Daly JJ, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Carinci F, 2007	Repeat
Katati MJ, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Brock KA, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Ski C, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Lutz BJ, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Gindin J, 2007	Not stroke
Patel MD, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Mak AK, 2007	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Langhorne P, 2007	Early supportive discharge
Ostwald SK, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Pang MY, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Saxena SK, 2006	Review full text
Gregory PC, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Larsen T, 2006	Early supportive discharge
Read SJ, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Nadeau JO, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Morris DM, 2006	Not stroke
Russell MW, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Lanza M, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Di Fazio I, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Crosbie JH, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Winchester P, 2006	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Ostwald SK, 2006	Repeat
Pang MY, 2006	Repeat
Turner-Stokes L, 2005	Review full text 138
Early Supported Discharge Trialists, 2005	Early supportive discharge
Hakkennes S, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Tooth L, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Boylstein C, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Yagura H, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Turner-Stokes L, 2005	Repeat
Fjaertoft H, 2005	Early supportive discharge
Chuang KY, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Yamamoto L, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Buntin MB, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation

Reker DM, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Langhorne P, 2005	Early supportive discharge
Kim EY, 2005	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Keren O, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Dobrez DG, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Schlegel DJ, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Gaggioli A, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Tibaldi V, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Rundek T, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kottink AI, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Spieler JF, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Donnelly M, 2004	Early supportive discharge
Beech R, 2004	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hesse S, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Teasell RW, 2003	Early supportive discharge
Bendz M, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Murray PD, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Diamond PT, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Cartier C, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Nudo RJ, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Chae J, 2003	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Teng J, 2003	Early supportive discharge
Sturm JW, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Bohannon RW, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Zorowitz RD, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Duncan PW, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Anderson C, 2002	Early supportive discharge
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Van Kuijk AA, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
McNaughton H, 2002	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Wong MK, 2002	Not stroke
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Ottenbacher KJ, 2001	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Pritchard C, 2001	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Henderson LR, 2001	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Roderick P, 2001	Read full text 188
Von Koch L, 2001	Early supportive discharge
Unsworth CA, 2001	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Eldar R, 2001	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Krebs HI, 2000	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Brereton L, 2000	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Chen Q, 2000	Read full text 194
Holmqvist LW, 2000	Read full text 195 (need to get)
Bates BE, 2000	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Jackson D, 2000	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kane RL, 2000	Read full text 198
Freburger JK, 1999	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Taylor P, 1999	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Beech R, 1999	Early supportive discharge
Easton KL, 1999	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation

Robinson RG, 1999	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Gresham GE, 1999	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Wein TH, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Kane RL, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Hermans E, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Penrod JD, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Sandstrom R, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Fagan SC, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Paolucci S, 1998	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Jorgensen HS, 1997	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Eason R, 1995	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Keith RA, 1995	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Gladman J, 1994	Read full text 224
Young J, 1993	Read full text 225 (need to get)
Nosek MA, 1993	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
LaBan MM, 1992	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Thorngren M, 1991	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
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Khiaocharoen O, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
Noorani HZ, 2003	Review
Shepperd S, 2009	Early Supportive Discharge
Mehrholz J, 2012	Not home vs. centre based rehabilitation
No author, 2003	Review

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Study	Reason for Exclusion
Carinci F, 2007	Not an economic analysis
Chen Q, 2000	Not centre-based rehabilitation comparator
Gladman J, 1994	Not cost-utility study
Holmqvist LW/2000	Not an economic analysis
Kane R, 2000	Did not include rehabilitation modalities of interest
Roderick P, 2001	Not cost-utility study
Saxena SK, 2006	Did not include rehabilitation modalities of interest
Turner-Stokes L, 2005	Did not include rehabilitation modalities of interest
Young J, 1993	Not cost-utility study

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