

## Nursing Home Viewing Guide

Use this table by using a yes/no, or a number system such as 1-5, or good, fair, poor

Qualities	Home A	Home B	Home C
Nurses per resident			
Nurse's aides per resident			
Nurses training			
Nurse's aides training			
Director of Care—qualifications			
Recreation workers per resident			
Trained as recreation therapist?			
Recreation director—trained as R.T.?			
Social Worker- how often			
Training of social worker			
Physical therapist			
On site?			
Occupational therapist			
On site?			
Other rehabilitation Staff			
Registered Dietitian available			
Registered Dietitian on site			
House Physician			
Access to geriatric physician			
Access to mental/ geriatric mental health			
Pharmacist available			
Pastoral Care			
Art Therapy			
Music Therapy			
Other			
Cleanliness			
Lighting			
Smell			
Access to Outdoor space			
Access to Shops/Shopping			
Equipped for wheelchairs			
Handrails			
Rails/bars in bathrooms			

Qualities/	Home A	Home B	Home C
Pets allowed/available			
Plants allowed/available			
Atmosphere			
Visiting Hours			
Can take residents out as wish			
Management seems flexible			
Care conferences—frequency			
Educational programs for staff			
Accredited			
Survey Results			
Single Rooms			
Double Rooms			
Appearance of rooms			
Size of rooms/room space			
Storage in rooms			
Lighting in rooms			
View From Rooms			
Can bring in own furniture			
Bring in TV			
Cable Ready			
Can have telephone in room?			
Call bells by bedside			
Call bells by toilet			
Distance of rooms from dining/activity			
Floors/ Elevators			
Residents appear well dressed			
Residents appear clean			
Residents appear happy/content			
Staff appear helpful, interested			
Staff appear to have good relations			
Staff turnover			
Management is open to family input			
Resident's Council			
Family Council			
Recreation programs—number			
Recreation programs variety			
Recreation programs—evenings			
Recreation programs-weekends			

Qualities/	Home A	Home B	Home C
Lifestyle programs/opportunities			
Independent Living			
Assisted Living			
Nursing Home			
Acute Care			
Dementia Unit			
Limitations on Care acuity/levels			
Dining Room cleanliness			
Dining room atmosphere			
Dining Hours appropriateness			
Appearance of food			
Variety of Menu			
Proportions appropriate			
Choices/Alternatives available			
Meals served in rooms			
Family can join residents			
Laundry done on premises			
Laundry how often			
Can family do laundry			
Policy on Theft			
Policy on Abuse			
Policy On Restraints			
Policy on Roommates			
Policy on Room Changes			
Copy of Admission agreement			
Copy of recreation schedule sample			
Copy of menu			
How does it feel to you? Notes			