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My husband spent over three years in our nursing home from October 1917 until he died there February 4, 2021. I spent a lot of time with him and the others there—other patients with family and the care staff. I observed very appropriate care by the nurses and aides. They knew just what to do on every occasion and supervisory staff went out of their to find appropriate equipment to allow Bob to stand and walk. He suffered from Lewy Body dementia with a constant loss of a sense of balance. He fell frequently but without major fractures or injuries. He was seldom alone, having an aide or myself present when he napped. He often slept in the living room on a mat where staff could keep an eye on him. He was truly well cared for. Staff also worked well with others to pass on observations and to keep up constant supervision of him.

Had the staff been burdened with additional paperwork I don't think they could have managed such constant care for him. Staff also helped families understand the changes patients likely make and what interventions help. On the whole, I felt that that this unit really worked as a team to provide exceptional care. Please do not saddle them with additional paperwork that would take them away from very effective care.,

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