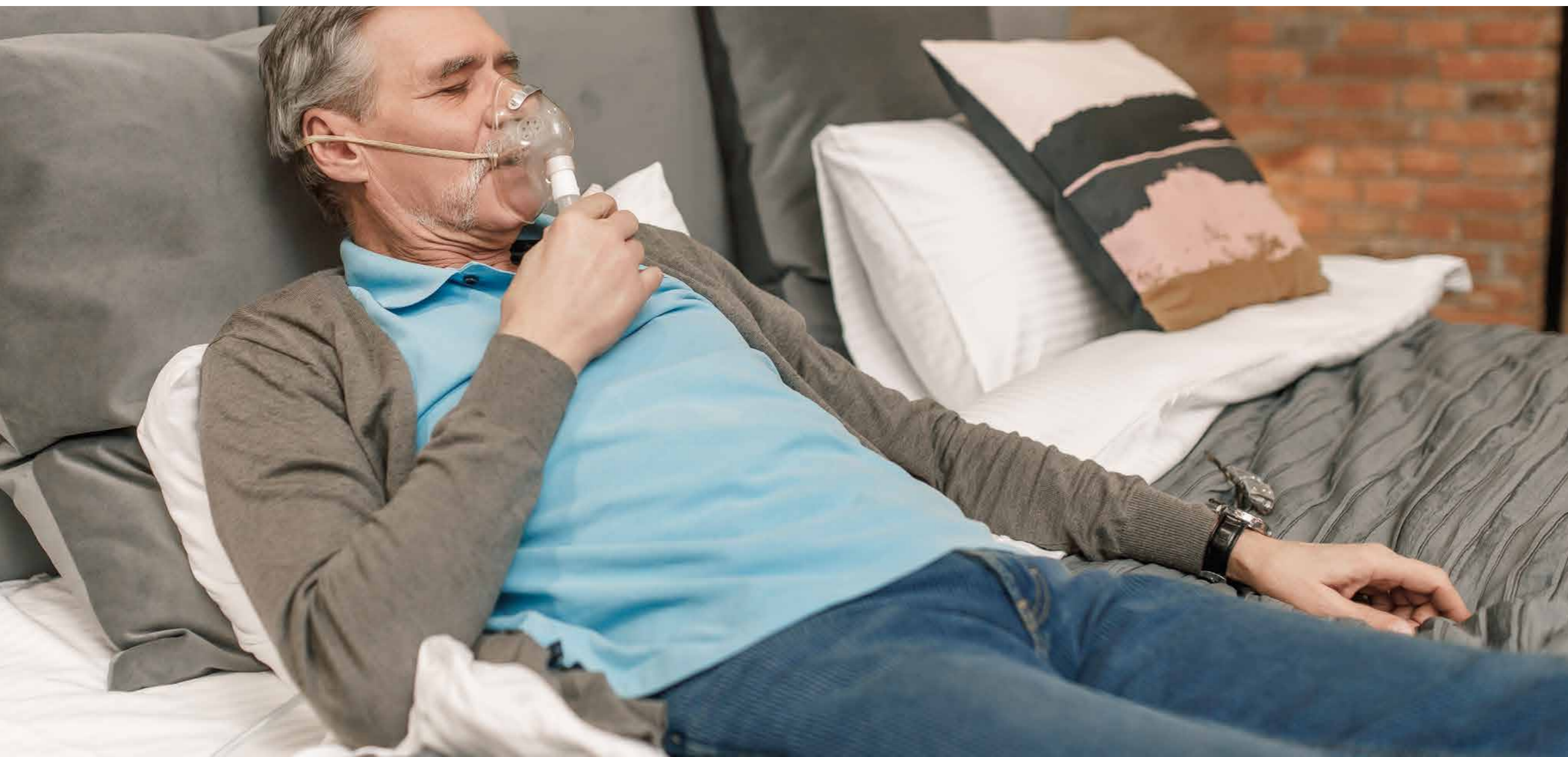


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THE RISE OF HEALTHCARE AT HOME

Ian Chambers, CEO Linea, examines the road from hospital to home

In recent years, healthcare has evolved significantly, driven by the need for flexible, patient-centred care that transcends the traditional boundaries of hospital walls. As the demand for healthcare services grows, fuelled by ageing populations, chronic disease prevalence, and an increasing desire for convenience and autonomy, healthcare-at-home models have emerged as transformative solutions.

By delivering high-quality care within the comfort of patients’ homes, healthcare providers can alleviate pressure on hospital systems, enhance patient engagement, and improve health outcomes. These models also address crucial challenges in modern healthcare, offering efficient alternatives to inpatient care, fostering closer patient-provider relationships, and creating supportive environments that are conducive to healing.

The demand for healthcare at home

Healthcare-at-home models are increasingly sought after, driven by a convergence of social, economic, and medical factors that are reshaping the healthcare landscape. One of the most significant drivers of this trend is the growing demand for services from ageing populations, as older adults often require continuous care for chronic conditions but prefer the comfort and familiarity of home-based treatment.

Managing long-term conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory disorders can be both physically and emotionally taxing in a hospital setting, whereas home care allows patients to receive consistent,

tailored support without the added stress of relocation.

This shift is further fuelled by the need for healthcare systems to optimise resources amid rising costs and workforce limitations. Hospitals worldwide are contending with capacity constraints, which became particularly acute during the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare-at-home programmes can reduce inpatient admissions and accelerate discharge times, freeing up valuable hospital space for patients who need acute or emergency care. By decreasing hospital stays and facilitating earlier returns home, healthcare-at-home also helps reduce the risk of hospital-acquired infections, a notable advantage for vulnerable populations.

Additionally, advances in technology—such as remote monitoring devices, telemedicine platforms, and AI-driven care management tools—have made it easier to provide effective care outside of hospitals. These technologies enable healthcare providers to monitor patients’ vital signs in real-time, conduct virtual consultations, and adjust treatment plans based on immediate feedback. This remote connectivity not only empowers patients to take an active role in managing their health but also allows healthcare professionals to maintain a high standard of care across diverse geographic locations.

Patient preference is another significant factor. Many patients report feeling more comfortable and in control when they

can receive care at home. The familiar environment helps reduce stress, improve mental wellbeing, and foster recovery. Studies have shown that patients recovering at home often experience better overall satisfaction and report improved quality of life compared to those receiving prolonged in-hospital care. This patient-centred approach aligns with healthcare’s broader shift toward personalised medicine, where care is tailored not only to the patient’s medical needs but also to their lifestyle and preferences.

Healthcare-at-home models are essential for a sustainable healthcare future. They respond to patient demands for more accessible, flexible care options while helping healthcare providers manage resources efficiently. We work with our clients to implement these programmes effectively, leveraging best practices in programme design, workforce planning, and technology integration to ensure that healthcare-at-home services are both impactful and scalable. This approach addresses current healthcare challenges and helps pave the way for more resilient healthcare systems.

Empowering healthcare-at-home initiatives

An NHS organisation we work with has implemented several innovative healthcare-at-home initiatives as part of their improvement programmes, designed to enhance patient recovery and alleviate hospital capacity challenges. One notable example is the Hospital-at-Home Virtual Wards, where eligible patients receive clinical services at home, akin to care provided on a hospital ward. This approach involves healthcare teams—including doctors, nurses, and therapists—conducting remote consultations and home visits to deliver treatments and monitor patient progress.

Further efforts include programmes aimed at preventing patient deconditioning by encouraging mobility through engaging, home-based activities. These initiatives support both physical health and mental wellbeing, helping patients recover faster and reducing the need for extended hospital stays. By focusing on personalised and accessible care, these strategies illustrate the growing potential of healthcare-at-home to transform the patient experience.

Through a reassessment of their healthcare-at-home programme, this organisation achieved significant operational efficiencies, including reducing the number of long-stay patients and enabling the closure of a ward, generating recurrent net savings of c. £1m when accounting for additional community investment.

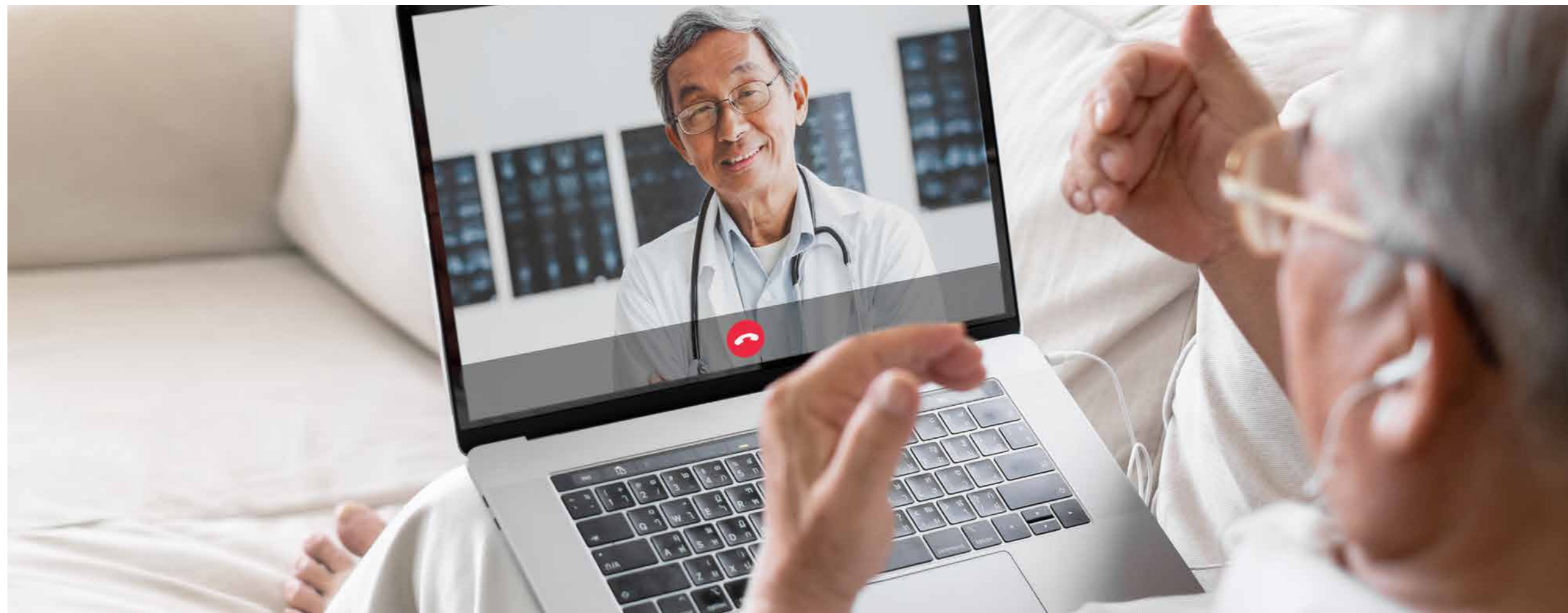
How Linea supports healthcare transformation

We believe that healthcare-at-home models represent a sustainable path forward, allowing providers to offer quality care while minimising operational pressures. Our role is to support hospitals and healthcare organisations as they develop and implement these models, ensuring they are optimised for patient satisfaction, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. We work closely with leading international healthcare organisations institutions, providing expertise in programme design, resource allocation, and technology integration to help establish effective home-care infrastructures.

By focusing on seamless technology implementation, data management, and workforce support, Linea enables organisations to expand home-based services with confidence. We understand that these systems must be adaptable to each patient's unique needs, yet robust enough to handle the diverse requirements of healthcare providers.

The future of healthcare: A new standard

The future of healthcare is undeniably shifting towards models that prioritise accessibility, efficiency, and patient-centred care. Healthcare-at-home programmes are poised to play a pivotal role in this transformation, setting a new standard for how services are delivered. As we continue to face global healthcare challenges, including ageing populations, rising



chronic disease rates, and strained hospital resources, the demand for more sustainable, flexible care solutions will only grow. The integration of healthcare-at-home models into mainstream practice promises to reshape not only the patient experience but also healthcare infrastructure itself.

One key element in the future of healthcare-at-home is the widespread adoption of digital health technologies. Telemedicine, remote monitoring devices, and artificial intelligence are not just tools but foundational components of this new healthcare paradigm. These technologies enable real-time health monitoring, personalised treatment plans, and virtual consultations that make healthcare more accessible, cost-effective, and less reliant on physical hospital visits. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), digital health tools are expected to significantly improve care delivery, reduce inefficiencies, and enhance overall health outcomes by leveraging

advancements in technology such as telemedicine, electronic health records, and wearable health devices.

Moreover, the ongoing evolution of patient preferences, especially among younger generations, underscores the need for healthcare models that prioritise convenience and personalisation. Many patients today are more informed and engaged in their healthcare decisions, actively seeking alternatives to traditional

hospital stays. This demand for healthcare at home aligns with the growing trend of patient empowerment, where individuals take greater control over their health journeys, aided by technology and tailored support services.

Healthcare-at-home services play a vital role in addressing health equity by reaching underserved communities and rural areas with limited access to facilities. Remote monitoring enables high-quality care without the need for long-distance travel, reducing disparities and improving outcomes. These services also benefit the environment by cutting carbon emissions from travel and lowering the resource demands of large healthcare facilities. Additionally, the healthcare industry's increasing focus on value-based care—where success is measured by patient outcomes rather than the volume of services provided—makes healthcare-at-home an appealing alternative. This model encourages the delivery of care that is efficient, outcome-focused, and cost-effective.

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We believe that these emerging models are not just future possibilities—they are the new standard in healthcare. Our role is to support organisations in adopting these models by offering expertise in designing and implementing effective healthcare-at-

home programmes. Through technology integration, resource management, and continuous evaluation, we help our clients stay at the forefront of healthcare innovation. By doing so, we ensure that healthcare systems can meet the demands of today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow.

As we move toward a more integrated and patient-centric healthcare system, healthcare-at-home is set to play a key role in making healthcare more affordable, efficient, and accessible for all. The future is not only about reducing hospital stays but also about transforming the very nature of care delivery—shifting it from the hospital to the home, where it is most needed.



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