

<b>Family experience with decision-making</b>	
<b>Description</b>	How family members rated their involvement in making decisions about their loved one's care.
<b>Survey question</b>	<p>In the last six months, how often were you involved as much as you wanted to be in the decisions about your family member's care?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Always</li> <li>▪ Usually</li> <li>▪ Sometimes</li> <li>▪ Never</li> </ul>
<b>Data Source</b>	2017 HQCA Long term care Family Experience Survey
<b>Calculation</b>	<p>Results are reported as the percentage of all valid responses, for each of the response options, as described above.</p> <p>For example, percentage reporting "always" =</p> $\left( \frac{\text{Number of respondents stating "always"}}{\text{Total number of valid responses}} \right) \times 100$
<b>Assumptions</b>	None.
<b>Exclusions</b>	<p>Eligible respondents include all family members that have a family member or friend living in a long term care site, if contact information was available. General exclusion criteria for the HQCA Long term care Family Experience Survey include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contacts of new (&lt; 1 month) or transitional residents.</li> <li>▪ Residents who had no contact person (family member), or whose contact person resided outside of Canada.</li> <li>▪ Contacts of deceased residents or residents no longer living at the facility.</li> <li>▪ Contacts of residents who were listed as a public guardian (i.e., non-family member or friend).</li> </ul>
<b>Limitations</b>	<p>Results are generalizable to the type of respondent eligible for the survey, namely families who have a loved one living in long term care for at least one month.</p> <p>Sites differ in many ways, therefore the type of site and the types of services offered at the site should be considered in interpreting the results.</p>