

Survey of Long Term Care Health Professionals

The 2006 Novartis Senior Care Source, *Survey of Long Term Care Health Professionals*, includes responses of long term care facility medical directors, consultant pharmacists, directors of nursing, and nurse practitioners to a variety of questions regarding their practice settings, attitudes, and knowledge. One clear message from these survey results is that a growing number of clinicians care for assisted living facility residents. Some of the survey's highlights about assisted living issues are shown here.

22%

of medical directors practice to some degree in assisted living.

40%

of physicians see assisted living facility residents in their offices, while **53%** see the residents at the ALF. Seven percent said they see these residents in "other" locations.

26%

of medical directors said that they serve residents in a freestanding assisted living facility.

74%

of medical directors said that they serve residents in an ALF that is attached to a nursing facility. This likely represents a campus-like environment—such as a continuing care retirement community—where multiple levels of care are offered in one setting.

2%

of nursing home services in the U.S. are attributed to diabetes. Diabetes also accounts for **18%** of home health visits and **15%** of hospice care services.

45%

of pharmacists practice in assisted living facilities to some degree.

34%

of pharmacists who work in ALFs serve only one facility, while **25%** serve two facilities, **11%** serve three ALFs, and **5%** serve four ALFs.

20%

of pharmacists said they serve seven or more facilities.



18%

of nurse practitioners said that they practice in assisted living facilities to some degree. This compares to **58%** who reported working in nursing facilities and **34%** who indicated employment in an office practice.

7%

of directors of nursing reported practicing in assisted living. Of those practicing in this setting, **64%** reported their ALF to be attached to a nursing facility. The remainder of DONs practice in freestanding ALFs.