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## SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet

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### What is home-based care?

For people with schizophrenia, there are many options for receiving treatment. For patients in chronic or stable phases of the illness, some interventions and treatments can be provided in a home environment. These types of interventions are integrated as part of a comprehensive treatment program in conjunction with ongoing medication.

### What is the evidence for home-based care?

High quality evidence suggests home-based crisis intervention increases rates of study retention in the medium term (6-12 months) and reduces family disruption, particularly in the short term compared to standard care. Moderate quality evidence suggests home-based crisis intervention may reduce rates of unsociable behaviour, agitation and disorientation, and may be associated with greater patient and relative satisfaction, and lower family burden compared to standard care.

For further information see the technical table

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*Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.*

*Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.*

*While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.*