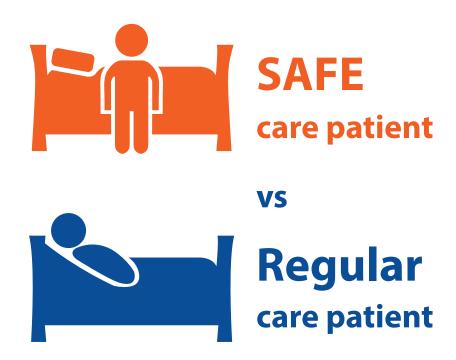
## HOME SAFE & SOUND



A case-control study shows reduced length of hospital stay, improved function and independence, and increased likelihood of returning home.

**18%** 

fewer days in hospital

38%

more likely to be discharged to home 3 times

less likely to require home or community care

The SAFE Unit (Sub-Acute Care for Frail Elderly) is an innovative 20-bed program at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa. Eligible acute-care hospital patients move to the SAFE Unit, where they access the individualized medical and restorative care needed to recover and return home.









