

ASK LARRY

“Move or Stay?”

Q: *My husband and I plan to move into a senior living community but we're fighting. I'm 76 and in fairly good health. My husband is 86 and needs a walker. The problem is that I really don't want to move but my husband does because of his declining health. We have been married 58 years. I find the whole moving scene a little scary to be honest. And what in the world is a CCRC? Is it time to move?—S.G., Los Alto, CA.*



A: I applaud you for thinking of your husband's well being as well as your own. Moving into a senior housing community is a life-changing decision not to be taken lightly. It pays to do your homework. Talk to housing experts and friends. Visit each community you're interested in at least twice. Have lunch. Talk to the residents.

To answer your question—“CCRC” stands for Continuing Care Retirement Community. They provide an entire continuum of healthcare from independent to assisted to memory/skilled nursing, usually on the same campus. You may also want to check out independent and assisted living communities as your husband may need some assistance.

Q: *What do you think of “Tiny Homes” as a solution to senior housing?—BM, Fremont, CA*

A: Interesting concept but I'm not sure how many retirees want to live in a tiny home consisting of 100 to 400 sq. ft. Most Bay Area cities have zoning regulations that forbid tiny homes parked in backyards. But it is a movement that seems to be catching on. Who knows what the future holds?

Q: *I can't believe someone wants to live on a ship?—LW, San Jose, CA*

A: These are private, residential yachts for the very rich. People pay up to \$7M for a luxury condo to sail around the world in comfort. However, most residents do not live onboard year-round so rentals exist. What a life if you can afford it!

Got a question?

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