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## Home and Community Care Highlights Volume 3, Number 4: December 2004

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Synopses are provided in two formats. Headlines & Conclusions crystallize the take-home messages of the research in a few sentences. Thumbnail Summaries condense the background, methods, findings, and conclusions of the research into quick-to-use, single-page overviews that include reference information.

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This issue focuses on: home care pathways following joint replacement surgery, views of palliative care, issues with publishing quality indicators on the Internet, perspectives on home hemodialysis, the provision of care for nursing home residents with dementia, issues with asthma management using the Internet, and fall reduction strategies. The following topics are addressed:

- 1. Standardized in-home discharge criteria and care pathways are needed for care recipients following joint replacement surgery
- 2. Improving provision of pediatric palliative care
- 3. Information, indicators and the Internet: The US experience with publishing national home care quality data
- 4. Home hemodialysis achieves better outcomes than in other care settings
- 5. Palliative care among terminal cancer patients
- 6. Determining the survival of nursing home residents with dementia
- 7. Web site for asthma management patients and heath care practitioners provide feedback on use
- 8. Strength and agility training reduce the risk of falls in elderly women with osteoporosis