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*Home and Community Care Highlights* responds to decision-makers' needs for timely and relevant evidence by providing accessible synopses of recent research pertaining to the financing, delivery, and organization of home and community-based health care activities.

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 three broad topic areas: quality and efficiency in long-term care provision, in both home and institutional settings; the effects of end-of-life care on care recipients, family members, and volunteers; and finally, exploring alternative settings and programs for low-intensity elder care. Specifically, the following topics are addressed:

1. Quality control of equipment in home mechanical ventilation: a European survey
2. Quality management activities improve clinical outcomes in nursing homes
3. Remote monitoring works, but technical issues need to be solved
4. Hospice care improves the quality of end-of-life care
5. The positive impact of hospice care on the surviving partner
6. Volunteers generate positive benefits for end-of-life care
7. Intensive homecare program is effective but more expensive than inpatient care
8. Evaluating a community-based health promotion program for seniors
9. Assisted living facilities: how is care provided to residents?'