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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: factors affecting nursing job satisfaction in long-term care facilities; the relationship between care outcomes and ownerships of long-term care facilities; treatments of pneumonia and pressure ulcers in nursing homes; the effect of a family style mealtimes program on the well-being of institutionalized residents; a home program to promote seniors' functional independence; and a self-managed care program of inflammatory bowel disease. Specifically, the following topics are addressed:

- 1. What factors influence job satisfaction and staff morale in nursing homes?
- 2. Nurses need more contact with long-term care residents for improved job satisfaction
- 3. Care outcomes in long-term care facilities in British Columbia, Canada: Does ownership matter?
- 4. A clinical pathway for pneumonia treatment can reduce hospital admissions for nursing home residents
- 5. Preventing pressure ulcers
- 6. Family style mealtimes can maintain quality of life, physical performance, and body weight of nursing home residents
- 7. A study of a multicomponent home intervention to reduce functional difficulties in older adults
- 8. Self-managed care of inflammatory bowel disease: Same outcomes but at a lower cost