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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: pharmacare issues and palliative care initiatives, community care pathways, barriers to access and the continuity of homecare, home technology innovation, and the use of balanced scorecards in health care. The following topics are addressed:

1. Seniors' Pharmacare: Lessons from and for Canada
2. National Palliative Care Strategy Needed to Support Patients Preferring to Die at Home
3. Community care pathway development costly, national standardized approach needed
4. Ontario Family Caregivers Experience Barriers to Accessing Formal Homecare System
5. Continuity of care in the home: Differences in opinion among clients, support workers, and professionals
6. Introducing information technology into the home: Preliminary findings
7. A housing adequacy checklist for seniors in receipt of home care
8. Review shows balanced scorecard is relevant to many health care settings