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

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: measuring quality of care in the home and in long-term care facilities, the impact of sub-optimal pain management, internet support groups for mobility-impaired individuals, predictors of admission to long-term care institutions, and the viability of the home as a setting for car for children with cancer, adults with heart disease, elderly individuals with no informal care support and individuals with mental illness. The following topics are addressed:

- 1. Family Members as Proxies for Patients Assessment of Home Care Quality.
- 2. Use of Nurse Sensitive Quality Indicators to Monitor Quality of Care in Long-term Facilities.
- 3. Untreated Pain Prolongs and Complicates Recovery from Hip Fracture Surgery.
- 4. E-Communities and Virtual Resources as Sources of Support for People with Mobility Issues
- 5. Factors Associated with Nursing Home Admission Differ Between Women and Women with Alzheimer's.
- 6. Health Professionals Support Continuation of Home Chemotherapy Program for Children
- 7. Internet-based Case Management System for Secondary Prevention of Heart Disease May Improve Patient Outcomes.
- 8. Home Care and Disability Needs for Older Unmarried Americans.
- 9. Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Teams Prevent Hospitalizations.