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**About the Cover:**

In this month's feature article, "A Review of Enteric Outbreaks in Child Care Centers: Effective Infection Control Recommendations," the authors describe a systematic review of the literature they performed to investigate gastrointestinal illness outbreaks in daycare centers. Their purpose was to determine the infectious agents, modes of transmission, morbidity/mortality, ages, secondary cases, and policies perceived to be effective in dealing with the outbreaks. Daycare centers are particularly susceptible to enteric outbreaks because of diapering, confined spaces, and children's often unhygienic habits, including mouth-ing objects and person-to-person contact. The authors found that management of symptomatic cases, enhanced hand hygiene, safe food handling practices, and improved environmental cleaning were most often cited as effective policies to prevent or minimize the spread of disease.

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