

# Handout 1. Case Study:

## Meet Jane

Meet Jane, who has lived in AL for 3 years. She is confined to wheelchair and experiences depression related to her disability. 2 weeks ago, Jane lost her beloved cat, a companion of 14 years. Just after the loss, Jane complained that her back pain was worse, and the doctor prescribed Ultram for pain. Recently you've noticed that Jane often seems agitated, spills food and beverages, and sometimes has trouble finding her room. She even becomes combative with staff members when they came to help her with showers or dressing. This is not normal behavior for Jane. Her niece thought that her grief over losing her pet might be contributing to the behaviors, so she took Jane to see her MD. He increased Jane's antidepressants. Soon after, Jane's symptoms worsened, and within a few days, Jane fell when transferring from wheelchair to bed.

<b>1. How might you investigate what is happening with Jane?</b>	
<b>2. Are there points in the story where you might suggest particular actions?</b>	
<b>3. Might there have been missed opportunities in this scenario? If so, what are they?</b>	