# The Evidence Base for Home Health Technologies

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# Technology in the Home

- Pervasive, ubiquitous computing is affecting home health care
- Bridge geographic distance, increase access to information and experts
  - In 2003 a total of 556 Medline indexed articles on home care AND technology were published; in 2013 that number rose to 1390.
- Active vs. Passive Technologies in the Home

# Examples

	Active Monitoring	Passive Monitoring
Physiological	Integrated Solutions that can be	Sensor based tools that passively measure
Monitoring	operated by patients and/or their families and caregivers to measure blood pressure, pulse oximetry, weight etc.	vital signs. Example: Bed sensor that measures respiration, restlessness at night, sleep interruptions
Functional monitoring/ Emergency detection and response	Wearable systems that detect emergencies such as falls	Gait monitors that detect falls or near falls, sensor based systems that detect sedentary behavior

# Examples (cont.)

Safety monitoring and assistance

Alarm systems that detect fire or flooding, systems that support hands free communication with safety professionals Stove sensors (combining heat and motion sensors) to detect and distinguish between meal preparation and having forgotten the stove on for too long



Security monitoring and assistance

Camera-based monitoring systems that allow for remote monitoring of residential space and visitors



Sensor based system that captures level of activity, number of visitors or if abnormal/unusual patterns of activity are recorded



# Examples (cont.)

Social interaction monitoring and assistance	Use of social network software platforms, social media, using software that assesses self-perceived social connectedness	Sensor based systems that track number of visitors, time inside and outside the home, sedentary behavior
Cognitive and sensory assistance	Technologies that generate alerts and reminders, locators for lost objects, medication dispensing units	Automated features that operate in the background and trigger warnings, alerts and reminders.

# **Evidence Base**

- Growing
- At times contradicting
  - Steventon et al. BMJ. 2012; 344: e3874.
  - Takahashi et al. Arch Intern Med. 2012;172(10):773-9
- Technology developments more rapid than research grant cycles
- Tailoring sometimes prohibitive in research

# Lessons Learned

 Technology does not need to be sophisticated to be effective

# **PISCES**

- Problem Solving Intervention to Support
   Caregivers in End of Life Care Settings
- Use of video to deliver PST
- 3 arm clinical trial (N=500)







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# The ACTIVE Intervention

- Assessing Caregivers in a Team Intervention through Video Encounters
- Family caregivers become team members





# Lessons Learned

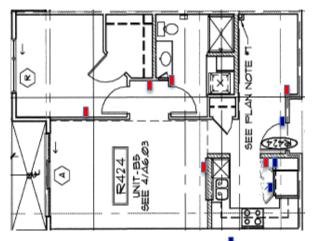
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# **Smart Home Study**

- Stove sensor
- Sensor mat
- Motion sensors
- HydroSense
- ElectroSense

#### Funded by:

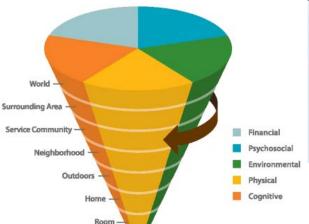
- -NSF-CDI-1028195: Transforming Community-Based Elder Care through Heterogeneous Activity Sensing Analytics
- -NSF-CNS-1405682: HomeSHARE Home-based Smart Health Applications across Research Environments

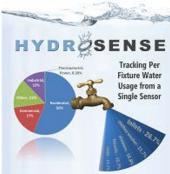






Door sensor Motion sensor



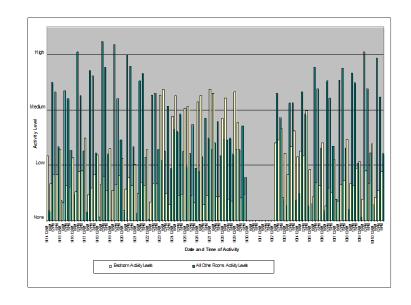












# "New" data

- Sleep quality
- Bathroom visits
- Restlessness at night
- Sedentary behavior
- Hygiene patterns
- Meal preparation
- Detecting patterns and deviations from what would be the norm for that participant

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- Interface Design

# Tailoring hardware and software

# Addressing:

- Functional limitations
- Hearing impairment
- Cognitive decline
- Prior experience with computers
- Visual impairment









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http://www.health-e.info



Laura Fisher

#### My Wellness

Last updated: 5 days ago on Oct 17, 2011

#### **Doctor's Note**



Results looking good! Oct 21, 2011

Hi Laura, I just reviewed the CT result and looks good to me...

#### Calendar

#### **TODAY**

Jane's Birthday
4:30 pm Hair Cut

#### **TOMORROW**

6 pm Jane's Birthday Party

#### Next Week

#### **MONDAY**

10:30 am Doctor's Appointm...12 pm Lunch with Paul, Harry...

#### **TUESDAY**

7 pm Movies night

#### **THURSDAY**

8 pm Happy Hour

#### **FRIDAY**

11 am Lunch with Amy, Sam

3 pm Shopping

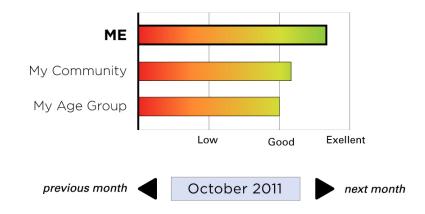
#### Messages



Re: Happy Birthday Jane! 27 mins ago

Thanks, Laura:) I am having a wonderful day. Are you comi...

#### My Wellness in October 2011

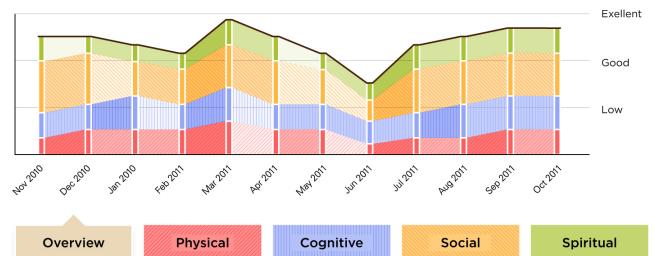


My Wellness Score Is

81.5/100

physical	cognitive
78	82
social	spiritual
95	71

#### My progress over the last 12 months



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- Understanding Acceptance

# Obtrusiveness

 A summary evaluation by the user based on characteristics or effects associated with the technology that are perceived as undesirable and physically and/or psychologically prominent

# Obtrusiveness Framework

#### Physical Dimension Usability Dimension Function Dimension Privacy Dimension Functional Lack of user Malfunction or sub-Invasion of personal friendliness or information dependence optimal performance Discomfort or strain accessibility Violation of the Inaccurate Excessive noise Additional demands personal space of measurement Obstruction or on time and effort Restriction in distance home impediment in space or time away from Aesthetic home Perception of lack of incongruence usefulness User Perception of Obtrusiveness Threat to replace in-Symbol of loss of Interference with daily Concern about person visits independence activities affordability Acquisition of new Lack of human Cause of Concern about future response in embarrassment or needs and abilities rituals emergencies stigma Detrimental effects on relationships **Human Interaction** Self-concept Sustainability Routine Dimension Dimension Dimension Dimension

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# **Obtrusiveness Dimensions**

## Physical

 Physical aspects of a technology and their effects on users or the home environment

## Usability

 Accessibility for users and the additional demands on time and effort associated with using a technology

### Privacy

Informational and physical privacy of the individual

### Function

How the equipment works, including its perceived reliability and effectiveness

# **Obtrusiveness Dimensions**

### Human Interaction

Negative effects on human interactions, responses, or relationships

## Self-concept

 Self perception as physical, social, and spiritual or moral being and how you think you are perceived by others

### Routine

 Effects on users' daily routines or rituals and/or the acquisition of new ones.

## Sustainability

 Concerns about keeping or maintaining the technology in the future related to affordability or their own functional ability

# Thank you

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