



Hooow are you
today?



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Measuring Health and Life Quality Outcomes

'What is always speaking silently is the body'

Norman O. Brown, Love's Body 1966

Prof. Dr. Katarzyna Wac & QoL Lab
QooooL School 2024



UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN



STANFORD
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Stanford University Medical Center



European Commission



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A Patient (female, 73)

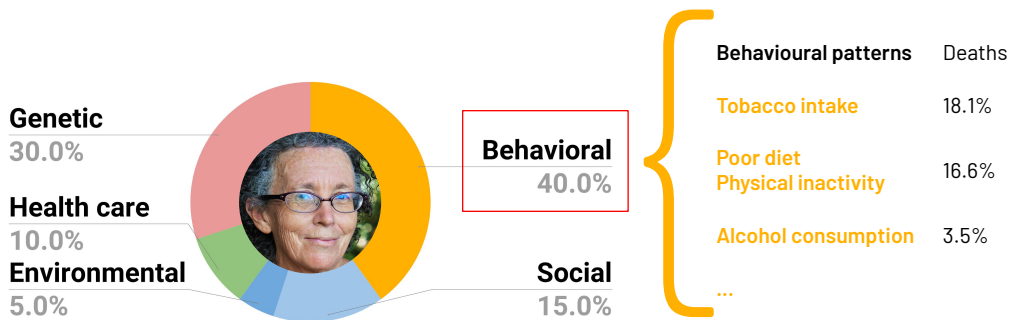
Type 2 Diabetes (1992)
 Heart attack (2014), stroke (2024)
 Hip fractures (2016, 2022)

Loves cooking
 Much (too much) food (carbs)



Clinical Case

Not the Only One



THE LANCET JAMA

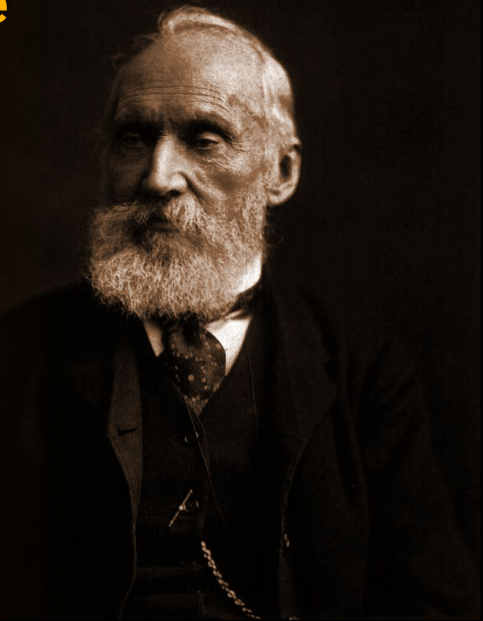
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'Behaviour marker', 'Behaviome' 'Digital Biomarker' →

**If you can't measure it,
you can't improve it.**

William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin, 1824-1907



PROs: Example Activity Questions

1a. During the last 7 days, on how many days did you do vigorous physical activities like heavy lifting, digging, aerobics, or fast bicycling?

Think about only those physical activities that you did for at least 10 minutes at a time.

_____ days per week ⇔

none

1b. How much time in total did you usually spend on one of those days doing vigorous physical activities?

_____ hours _____ minutes

2a. Again, think *only* about those physical activities that you did for at least 10 minutes at a time. During the last 7 days, on how many days did you do moderate physical activities like carrying light loads, bicycling at a regular pace, or doubles tennis? Do not include walking.

_____ days per week ⇔

none

2b. How much time in total did you usually spend on one of those days doing moderate physical activities?

_____ hours _____ minutes

3a. During the last 7 days, on how many days did you walk for at least 10 minutes at a time? This includes walking at work and at home, walking to travel from place to place, and any other walking that you did solely for recreation, sport, exercise or leisure.

_____ days per week ⇔

none

3b. How much time in total did you usually spend walking on one of those days?

_____ hours _____ minutes

The last question is about the time you spent sitting on weekdays while at work, at home, while doing course work and during leisure time. This includes time spent sitting at a desk, visiting friends, reading traveling on a bus or sitting or lying down to watch television.

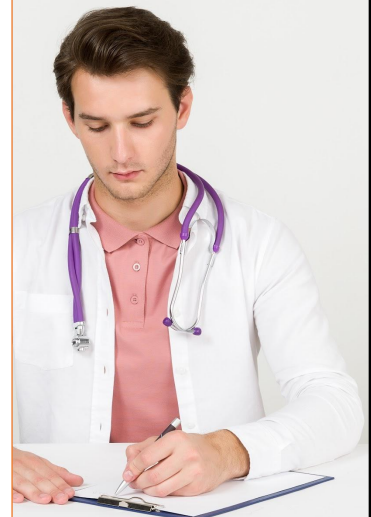
4. During the last 7 days, how much time in total did you usually spend sitting on a week day?

_____ hours _____ minutes

This is the end of questionnaire, thank you for participating.

International Physical Activity Questionnaire short form (IPAQ-SF)

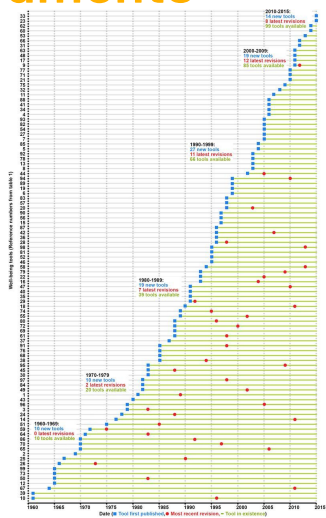
This is the final (SHORT/LAST 7 DAYS SELF-ADMINISTERED) version of IPAQ from the 2000/01 Reliability and Validity Study. Completed May 2001.



Assessing Quality of Life: Instruments

Table 2—Name of "Quality of Life" Instruments Used in the 75 Articles Reviewed (193 Instruments)

1950-1975		1976-1990		1991-1995		1996-2005		2006-2015		2016-2018	
Quality of Life Questionnaire		Quality of Life Questionnaire		Quality of Life Questionnaire		Quality of Life Questionnaire		Quality of Life Questionnaire		Quality of Life Questionnaire	
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Health related QoL



EQ5D mobility, usual activities, pain, anxiety/depression, self-care

SF-36 mobility, usual activities incl. social, pain, emotions, energy



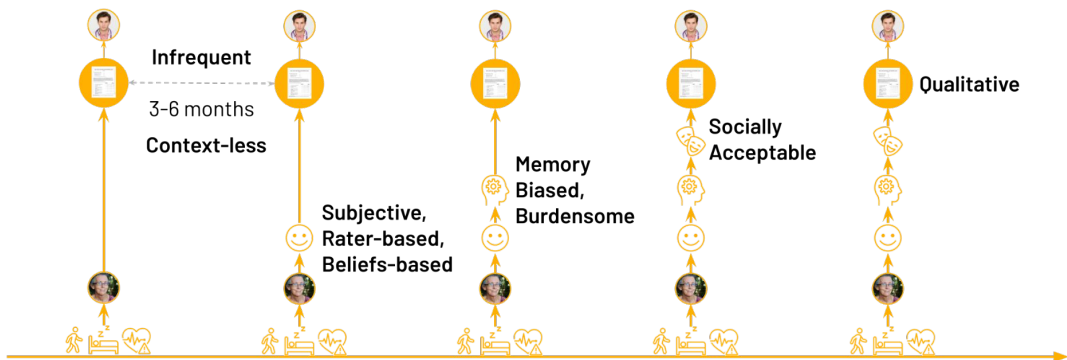
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EuroQol Research Foundation. EQ-5D-5L User Guide, 2019. doi: 10.13039/07853890109002087

Hays RD, Sherbourne CD, Hays RD. The RAND 36-Item Health Survey 1.0. *Health Econ*. 1993 Oct;2(3):217-27. doi: 10.1002/hec.4730020305.

Self-Reported Outcomes



The Big Picture



Smartphone



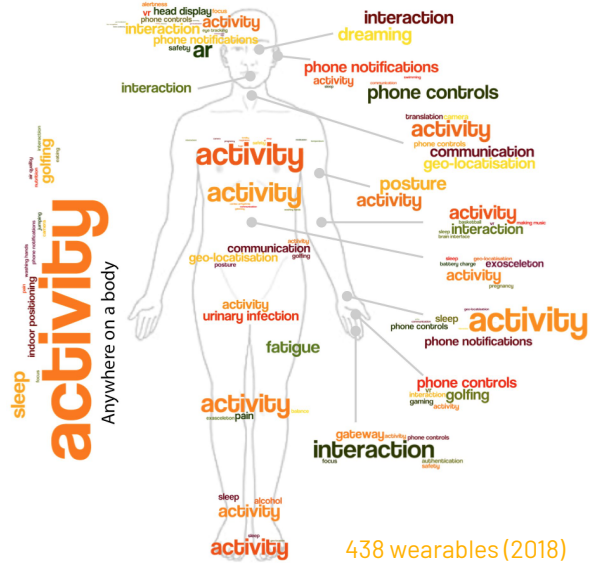
88%

of the time
next to us



who has a wearable?

Smartphone & Wearables

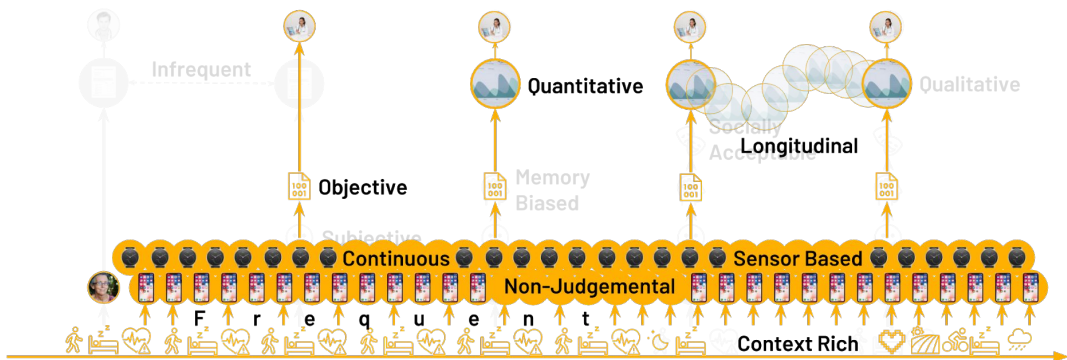


438 wearables (2018)

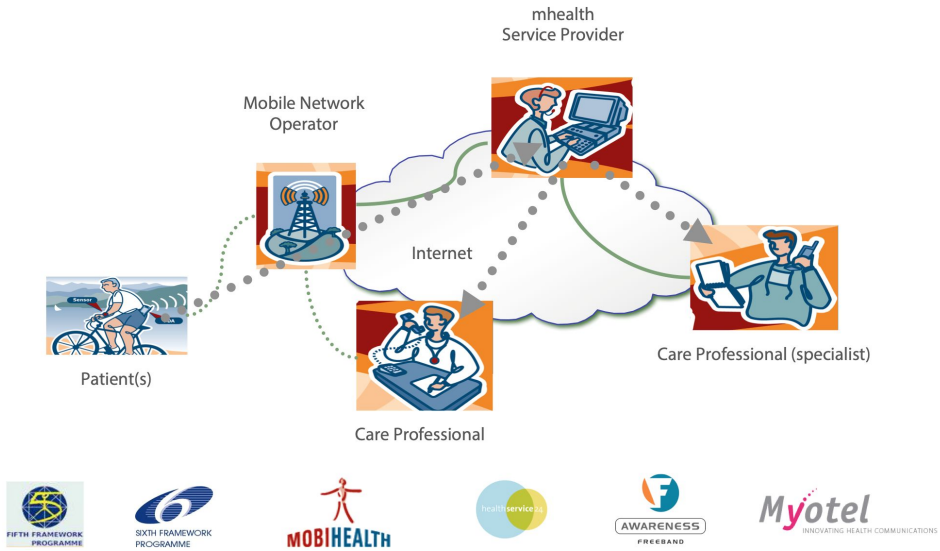


Wac, K. (2018). From Quantified Self to Quality of Life. Chapter in: Digital Health: Scaling Healthcare to the World, Series: Health Informatics, Springer Nature, Dordrecht, the Netherlands. Annotated wearables dataset <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.9702122>

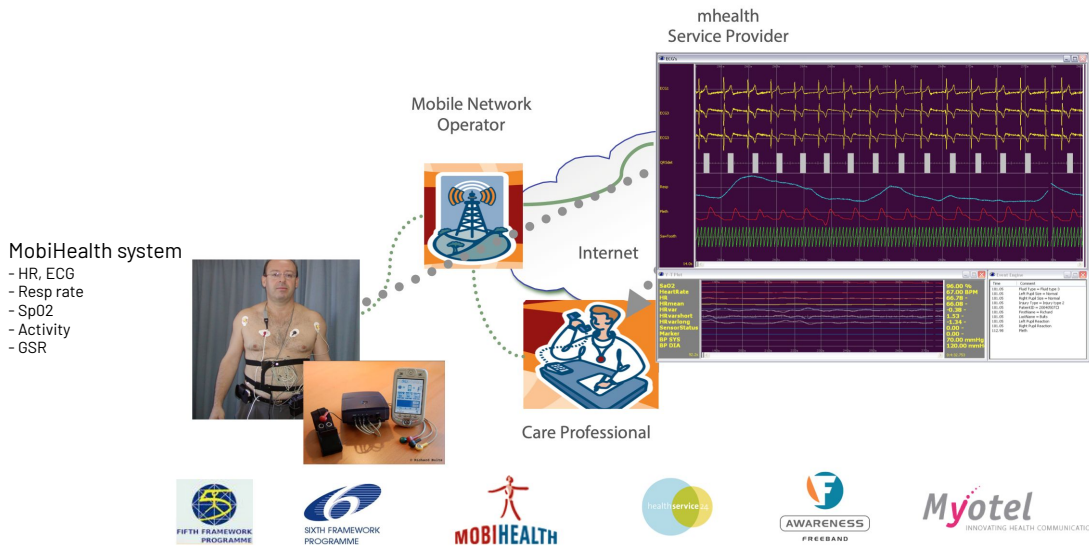
TechRO-Reported Outcomes: A New Paradigm



mhealth example (2003)



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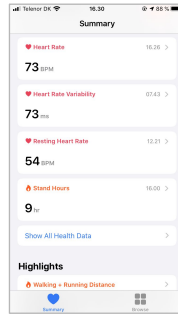





Rik Quartero · 1st
 Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at Medisch Spectrum Twente



Apple Watch

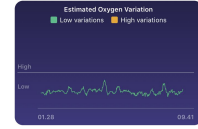


TODAY



FitBit Charge 4

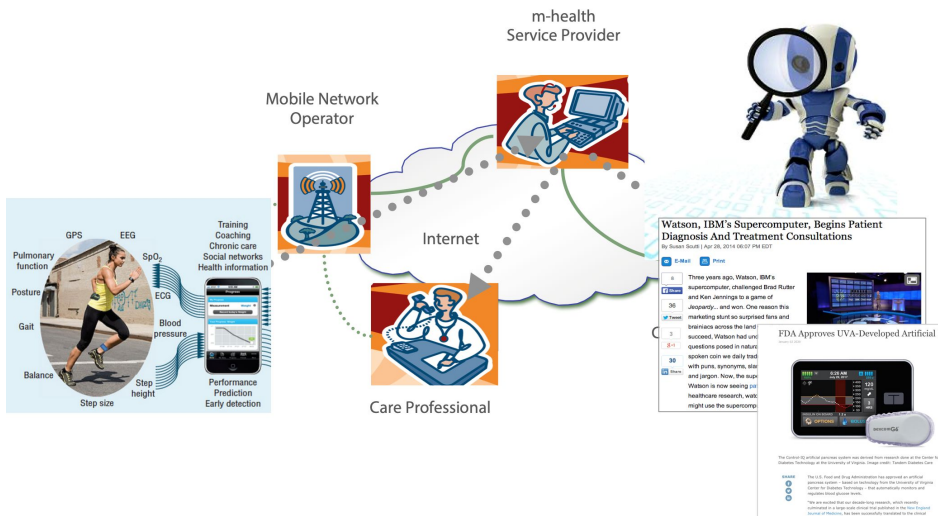
Estimated Oxygen Variation [Learn More](#)



Oura Ring



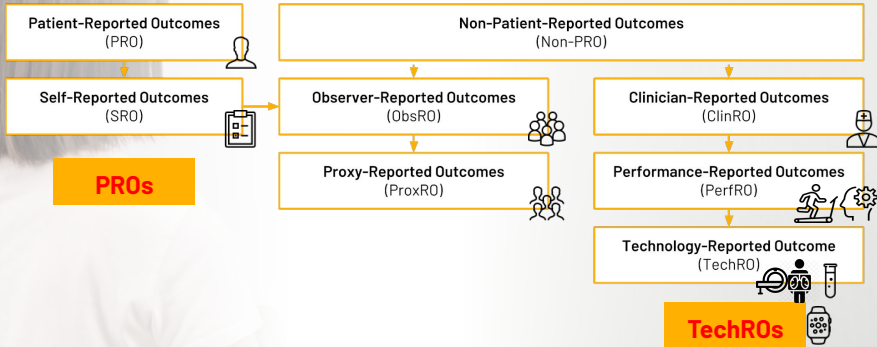
mhealth example (2020)



At the Doctor's Office

Patient as the source

Other as the source



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How?





Health

A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.



World Health Organization | www.who.int
Constitution of the World Health Organization, 22 July 1946
Callahan, D. (1973). The World Health Organization definition of 'health'. Hastings Center Studies, 77-87.



Redefining Health

The ability to adapt and self manage in the face of social, physical, and emotional challenges.

BMJ

Huber, M., Knottnerus, J. A., Green, L., van der Horst, H., Jadad, A. R., Kromhout, D., ... & Schnabel, P. (2011). How should we define health?. *Bmj*, 343, d4163.



QoL Domains

QoL Facets

Physical health

- Activities of daily living
- Dependence on medicinal substances and medical aids
- Energy and fatigue
- Mobility
- Pain and discomfort
- Sleep and rest
- Work capacity

Psychological

- Bodily image and appearance
- Negative feelings
- Positive feelings
- Self-esteem
- Spirituality / Religion / Personal beliefs
- Thinking, learning, memory, and concentration

Social relationships

- Personal relationships
- Social support
- Sexual activity

Environment

- Financial resources
- Freedom, physical safety, and security
- Health and social care: accessibility, and quality
- Home environment
- Opportunities for acquiring new information and skills
- Participation in and opportunities for recreation / leisure activities
- Physical environment (pollution / noise / traffic / climate)
- Transport



Quality of Life

Individuals' perception of their position in life in the context of the culture and value systems in which they live and in relation to their goals, expectations, standards, and concerns.



World Health Organization | www.who.int
"The World Health Organization Quality of Life Assessment (WHOQOL): development and general psychometric properties." Soc. Sci. Med., vol. 46, no. 12, pp. 1569-85, Jun. 1998.



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PROs

Bending the Curve

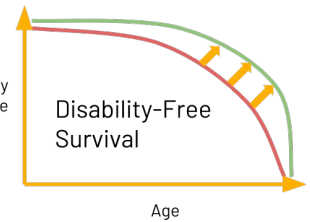
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Self-management & Behaviour Change Facilitation

mQoL-Lab
Computational Modelling
Digital Measures / Biomarkers / Endpoints

TechROs

Quality of Life



1000+ Participants
(mQoL Living Lab)
mqol.unige.ch



World Health Organization | www.who.int
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✓ In green: QoL facets actively researched in the lab; the rest: facets to be researched



MobiSPC

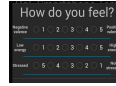


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Context-based EMA/ESM



mQoL Log

6.6+ billion data points



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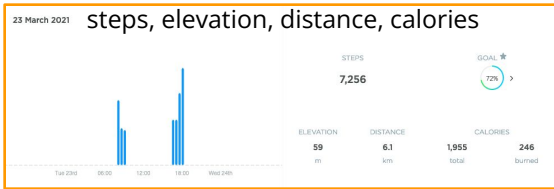
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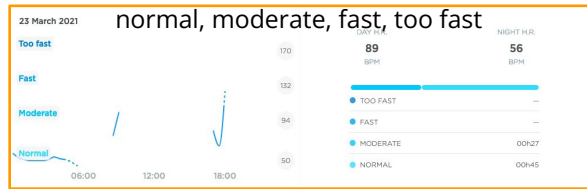
Time Series: Example Behaviour Data



Physical Activity



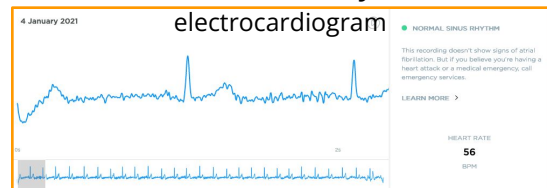
Heart Rate



Sleep



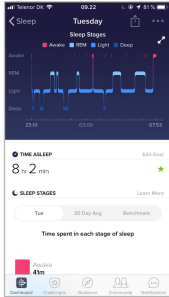
Heart Activity



The same night of sleep



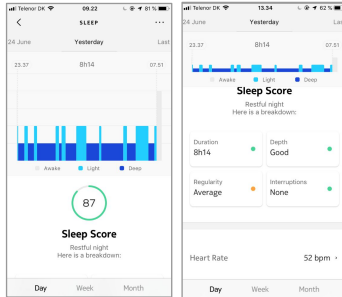
Fitbit Charge 2



8h 2m



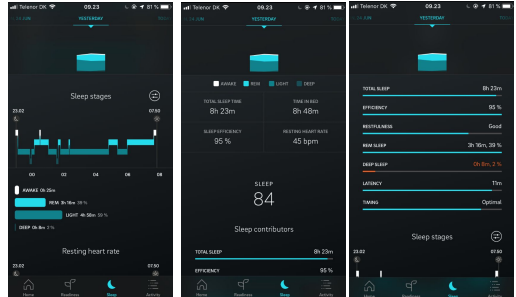
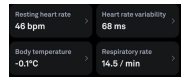
Withings Steel HR



8h 14m



Oura Ring



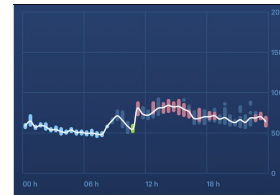
8h 23m

...a day in a life...

good day

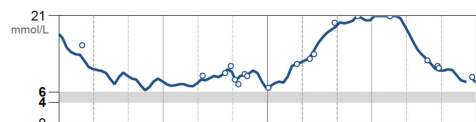
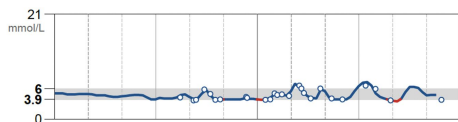


stressful day



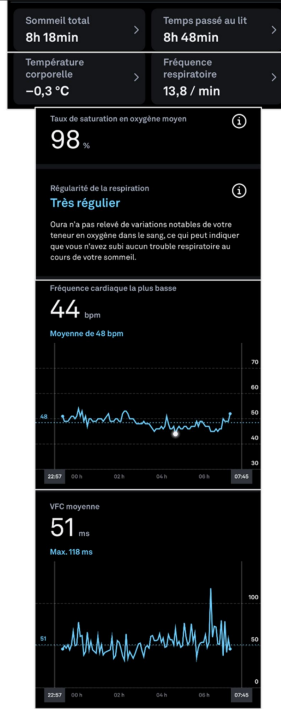
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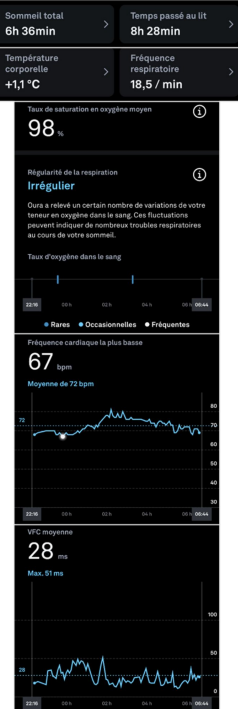


...a night in a life...

good night



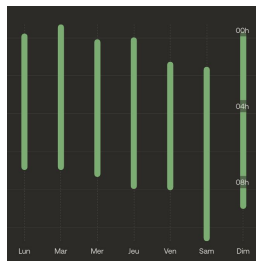
stressful night



...a week in a life...

sleep duration/
placement
[hrs]

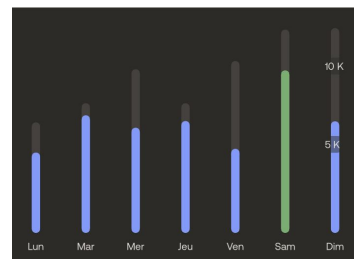
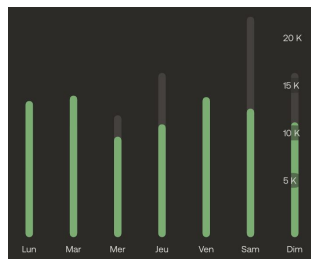
good week



stressful week



physical activity
[steps]



Add-ON examples of wearables & Apps

Smartphone app to help assess anemia by taking a picture of a person's eyelid

May 18, 2020 | By Abnor Cabral

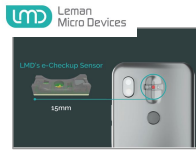
New wearable sensor tracks Vitamin C levels in sweat

Non-invasive tech could support dietary adherence, detect nutritional deficiencies

A team at the University of California San Diego has developed a wearable, non-invasive Vitamin C sensor that could provide a more highly



A sticky stick-on patch can take blood pressure readings from deep inside your body



New Smartphone Sensor Checks Your Blood Pressure

It's more convenient than a cuff and could help patients monitor hypertension at home



Research News
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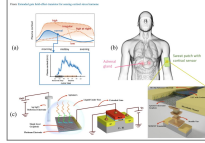
Ear (EarScope)
 Eye (EyeScope)
 Oral Health (OralScope)

Smart Wristband With Wireless Link to Smartphones Could Monitor Health, Environmental Exposures

Rutgers engineers invest biosensor technology for wearable devices



Fig. 1. Central oscillator system and sensing principle of the extended gate FET biosensor for its measurement in a wearable patch.



OMRON



BACtrack Skyn Wearable Alcohol Monitor

Now available for research use, former a BACtrack Skyn for \$199 per month.

Sandstone Diagnostics gets FDA nod for app-able home test for male fertility

By Sarah Greenleaf | 10/10/2019 | 10:41 AM

Sandstone Diagnostics has received FDA (510)(k) clearance for its Test System, an app-connected home test for male fertility. This system aims to simplify the current standard for sperm male fertility which is viewed by many as awkward and inhumane. The device is used over the counter, observed as a Class 2 medical device.

This FDA clearance represents a monumental milestone for Sandstone Diagnostics as we prepare to launch Test as a totally new approach to personal fertility.



I tested 'gluten-free' food with the new gluten sensor —here's what I found

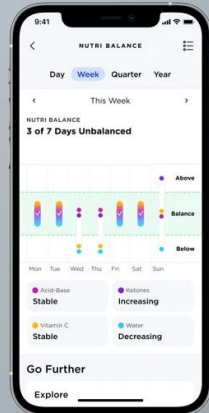
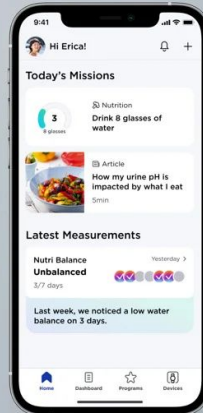
I've been waiting for this gadget for three years.

NIMA







WITHINGS

THIS IS U-Scan



QoL challenges and potential solutions...

QoL Domain	Facets incorporated within QoL domains
Physical Health 	Activities of daily living Dependence on medicinal substances and medical aids Energy and fatigue Mobility Pain and discomfort Sleep and rest Work capacity
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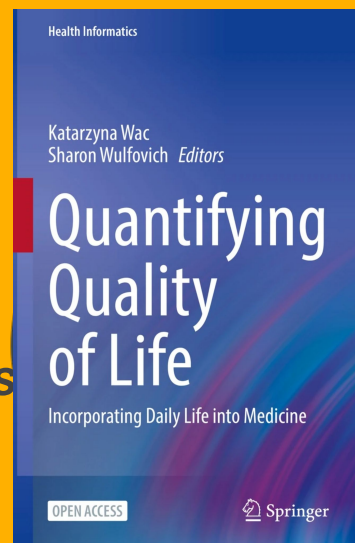
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The Bigger Picture

qualitative summary
TechRO data-driven validations
research studies



Human Factors:

What about the Individual?



Human Factors

Q: Do you use technologies (smartphone/wearable) for your own health/care?

I don't!

I don't mix my smartphone with my health [visibly angry]
It's all in here [indicating own head]
I do not want a phone reminds me about my disease
I have got a [fitbit as a] gift and I dropped it

I would...

Privacy is an issue
It's complicated, I don't know how to use it, I am not a techie
It's inaccurate: I have compared [fitbit] to my husband's Garmin
and I was disappointed* [and have dropped it]

I do...



Interface design

Too complex!
Passwords
Notifications



Performance

Slow!
No sync
Malfunctioning
Internet is touchy



Battery

Too short
Carry 2 batteries
Walked for free!



Social Sharing

I have enough people
judging me offline
Doctor won't trust it



Accuracy

Not a medical accuracy
Accurate enough to
recognize my efforts



Emotions

Keeps me entertained
I hate it when gained weight
I get addicted



Cost

Smartphone is a basis
Wearables: Too Costly!



Self-Efficacy

I like to see my progress
I try harder
I can always walk tomorrow



Routines

For me when I need it
Non-routine events most
critical

Study details

N = 200 participants (US)

Affinity clustering of significant factors



Current State of the Research

Can it Work?

Maybe, yes.

