



Aging and technology: Moving from the lab to the real-world

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Aging Gracefully across Environments using Technology
to Support Wellness, Engagement, and Long Life

AGE-WELL - Vision



**AGE-WELL: Aging
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- AGE-WELL is a Network of Centres of Excellence, funded by the Canadian Federal Government
- Our vision is to harness the potential of technology to meet the needs of older adults in Canada.
 - Turn great research into real-world solutions
 - Mobilize “translational” research capacity

A Snapshot of AGE-WELL

- \$37 million federal funds and \$26 million partnerships over 5 years
- 27 Network members across
- Over 100 trainees per year
- 79 community partners- industry, government and non profit
- 25 initial research projects in key areas- mobility, health monitoring, supporting caregivers, social connection, etc.
- Support activities to support knowledge mobilization, commercialization, team-working and training

The role of AGE-WELL- Turning research into IMPACT

- Despite all the research
- Despite the clear need
- Despite the opportunity to use technology in many different contexts

Real-world impact has been very limited

Key Challenges to innovation in our sector

- Innovation in healthcare/aging sector is really, really difficult-
 - Strategic targeting of AW funds
 - Innovation hubs
- Changing research culture to drive innovation-
 - Innovation workshops
 - Performance management
- Limited receptor capacity-
 - Meaningful partnerships with service providers and industry
 - Policy development
- Provide real-world training to HQPs for the age-tech sector-
 - Transdisciplinary EPIC training program

THANK YOU

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