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"Harnessing Technology for Aging-in-Place“

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Surveillance & Monitoring

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Meet Mr. Roland
Who Can Benefit?

- **Family Caregivers**
  - Live afar; peace of mind
  - Provide heavy care and require respite
  - Sandwich Generationers

- **Frail elderly:**
  - Risk of falls; risk of wandering
  - Confusion and/or forgetfulness with activities of daily living
  - Complex health care needs
Pros

- Affordable by comparison to private home care
- Easy to install and use
- Passive
- Provides peace of mind

Cons

- In most cases, rely on caregivers or health professional; to react to alerts
- No direct human contact; physical responses rather than emotional
- Aging persons often find them complicated to use
- Intrusive and fear of “big brother”
Levels of Monitoring

No tech
- Opening & Closing Curtains
- Check Ins from Friendly Neighbours

Low tech
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Medication dispensing

High Tech
- Video cameras
- Sensory detectors
- Interface with users
What’s on the market?

- Philips Lifeline
- Claris Companion
- Tyze
- Advantage Care Link
- GeriJoy
Caregiver Support Line:
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Education & Resource Center:
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