Interaction Design Case Study

Wireless Health



Case Study: Wireless Health

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- Users: Patients, GP, Nurses, Hospital consultants
- Sensors: 3-D Accelerometer at 12.5 Hz
- Actuators: Visual display on tablet/smart phone
- Data Analysis: Calculate respiratory rate from sensor data which can vary between 8 to 50 breaths/minute
- Wireless protocol: Bluetooth LE to tablet/phone, WLAN to server

Identify unmet healthcare needs Engage with the stakeholders Create strong evidence base



Unmet Healthcare Need



Managing COPD



- Patients reported symptoms unreliable and inaccurate
- Indicators of exacerbation
 - Increase in breathlessness
 - Changes in respiratory rate and breathing pattern
 - Reduction in activity
- Pulmonary rehabilitation to reduce recurrence of exacerbation

Continuous remote monitoring of Respiration and Activity



Unmet Healthcare Need

- Respiration one of the four vital signs monitored in a SEWS chart
- Identify early exacerbation in COPD
- Support pulmonary rehabilitation post exacerbation

"Monitoring of patients with COPD at home may help NHS boards avoid costs of £1,000 per patient per year"

Source : A Review of Telehealth in Scotland, 2011



COPD Monitoring Service



- Daily reports summarising hourly trends
- Option to access historical data
- Respiratory rate, respiratory effort/flow, activity
- Remote examination of patient's breathing in real-time
- Predictive models for exacerbation





Engagement with stakeholders



Patients, Carers, Hospital Consultants, General Practitioners, Nurses

- Continuous (24/7) monitoring
- Wearability issues
- No on/off switches
- No battery recharging
- Automatic download of data





Patient-centric design



- Long-term wear
 - Light-weight 17gms (incl. battery)
 - Unobtrusive 4.5 x 3.7 x 1.3 cm
 - Battery lifetime 6 months
- Ease of use & no manual intervention
 - No recharging of batteries
 - Data stored on wireless patch and downloaded to the base-station when within range
 - Always on





- Specks: miniature devices combine sensing, processing and wireless networking
- Wireless patch for measuring respiratory rate, respiratory effort and activity
- Continuous remote monitoring which transmits data to a secure server via fixed line broadband connection or 3G cellular network







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Sense – Learn -- Act



Speckled Computing

150 200 250 300

Time

Evidence Base





Summary of results of clinical trials at RIE

- 248 hours of breathing were studied
- Successful transmission 94% of the time
- 119,765 valid cannula breaths
- 105,416 matched to Orient breaths
- Instantaneous respiratory rates agree to within 2BPM for 86% of matched breaths
- Mean absolute difference: 0.6BPM
- A reliable measure of respiratory rate was possible in 95.4% of the 5 minute epochs







Physical Activity (AU)

Simultaneous RR/Activity in COPD patient



The Moray Study

- Study use of wireless respiratory and activity monitoring in a community setting
- Evaluate impact on the stakeholders: patients, clinicians, nurses, health authority
- Confirm usefulness of data in Primary care setting







Home Monitoring Data Flow









Respiratory Rate and Activity Magenta, 24 May - 7 June



Daily report: Yellow, Sunday 08 July 2012



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