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# ICT for Healthcare Services for the Elderly

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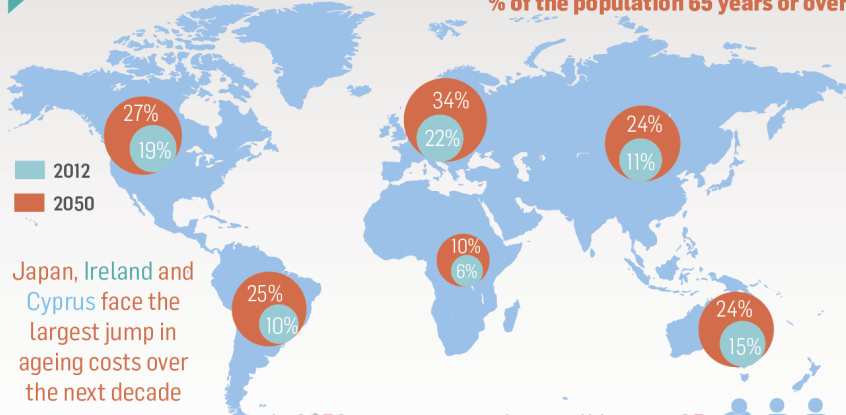
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- Ageing population and its impact on society
- ASTRI ICT for healthcare services related projects
- Key technologies
- Lessons learned & conclusion remarks

# The World's Ageing Population

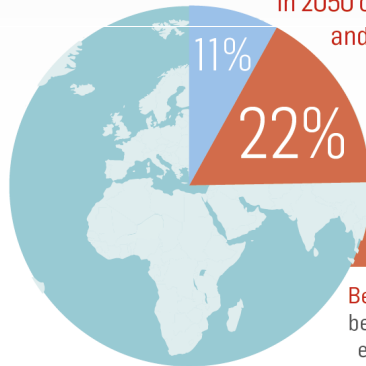
## THE WORLD'S AGEING POPULATION

% of the population 65 years or over



Japan, Ireland and Cyprus face the largest jump in ageing costs over the next decade

In 2050 one person in three will be over 65 and one person in ten will be over 80



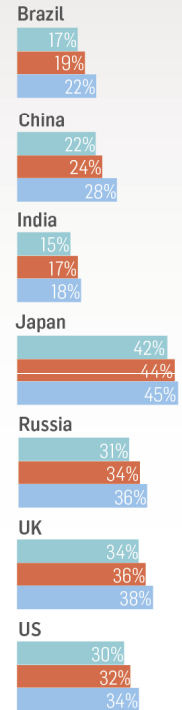
2012 - 11% of the world's 6.9bn people are over 60

2050 - 22% of the world's 9bn people will be over 60

Between now and 2050 the fiscal burden of the crisis will be 10% of the ageing-related costs. The other 90% will be extra spending on pensions, health and long-term care

% of over 50's in overall population

2006 2011 2016

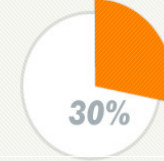
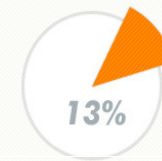


## Hong Kong's Ageing Population

Year 2011

Percentage of the population over the age of 65

Year 2041



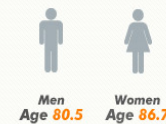
Proportion of working population to retirees



Each Retiree is supported by 6 working age adults

Each Retiree is supported by 2 working age adults

Life Expectancy of Hong Kong People



Source: MPF Authority




# HK - Towards an Aged/Super Aged Society

- **2011 HK Population Census**

Age 65 and up – 13.4% (closing to an Aged Society – 14%)

Age 60 and up – 19.3%



<http://www.census2011.gov.hk/en/index.ntml>

- **#1 Life Expectancy for HK Mean & Women in 2012**

Men : 80; Women: 86.7



# Trends of HK Aging Population

- Increased percentage of elderly population
- Increased life expectancy
- Increased number of chronic diseases
- Increased (and) higher institutionalization rate
- Increased elderly dependency ratio (1:2 in 2033)

# HK Healthcare Challenge: Sustainability, Accessibility & Quality

- **Rising Health Care Cost Subsidized**

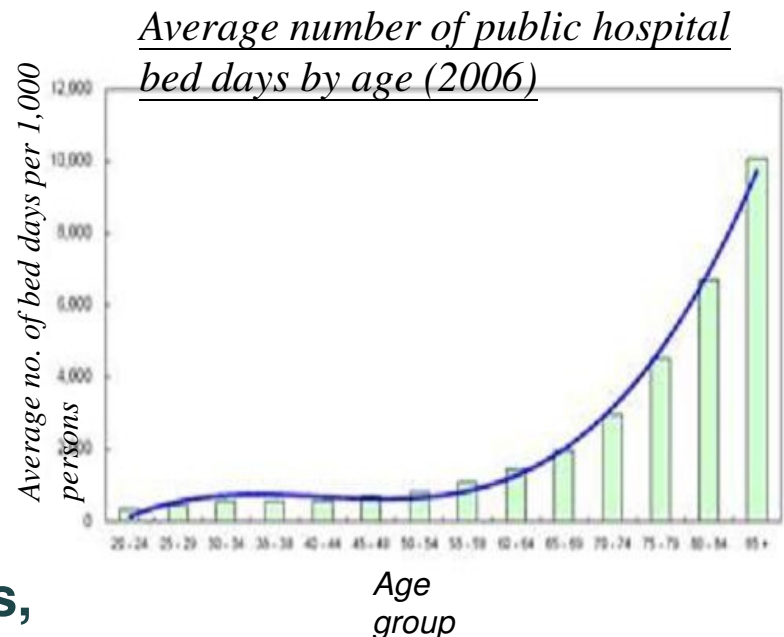
- ❖ CN visit: HK\$220 per visit
- ❖ Hospital stay: HK\$3200 per day
- ❖ Pay only 20% for subsidized Residential Care Services
- ❖ **Expenditure: 9.2% of GDP by 2033**

- **Wait Time**

- ❖ Care & Attention places: 22 months
- ❖ Nursing Home places: 40 months
- ❖ Day care service: 7 months
- ❖ Home based services: 2 months

- **Acute shortage of registered nurses, enrolled nurses and health care workers**

It becomes an increasingly challenging problem to provide sustainable, accessible and good quality of health care to the elderly citizens!

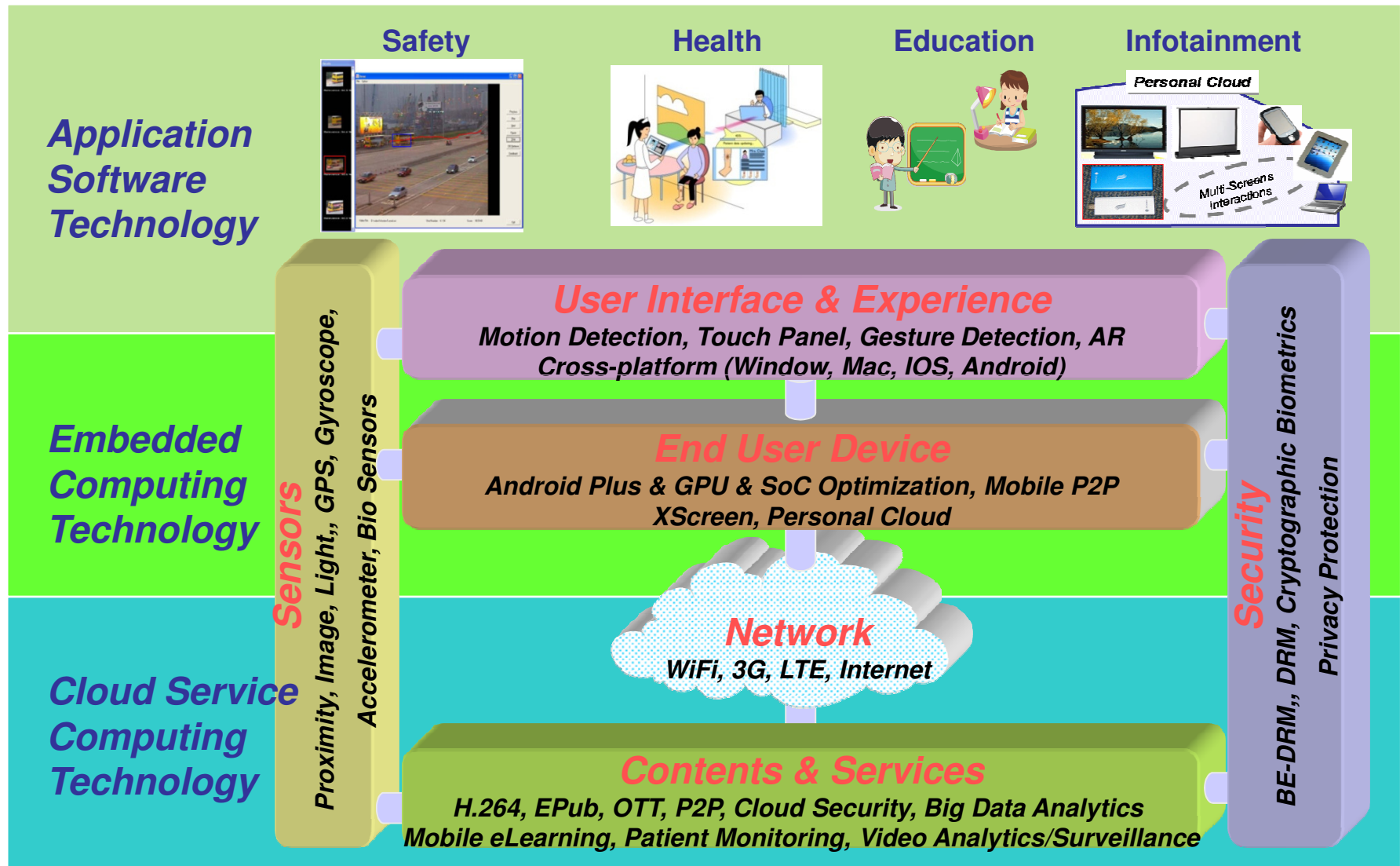


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# ASTRI/ECE Core Competence & Technologies

System & Software + Application Domain + Experience Design





# Health Related Applications



iHome Showcase  
at Housing Society  
Elderly Resources  
Centre



Survey Questionnaires  
Collection System at  
Hong Kong Housing Society Elderly  
Resources Centre for Advocate of  
Ageing-in-Place



Community Care  
Identification  
System for TWGHs  
Elderly Daycare  
Centers



And Others ...



# iHome Project at Housing Society's Elderly Resources Centre

- Elderly friendly interface design
- Instant health condition indication



# iHome - User Interface for Elderly

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## 1 基本資料

姓名

性別    

年齡

下一步

上一步

## 2 生理數據

血壓  體重

心跳

血氧  內臟脂肪


身體年齡


下一步


上一步

## 2 生理數據

**血壓數據**

上壓 140 

下壓 100 

心跳 60 

健康狀況: 需注意

下一步

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## 3 生理數據報告

姓名 老友記001

性別 女

年齡 68

血壓 140/100 **需注意**

心跳 60 **良好**

血氧 97% **良好**

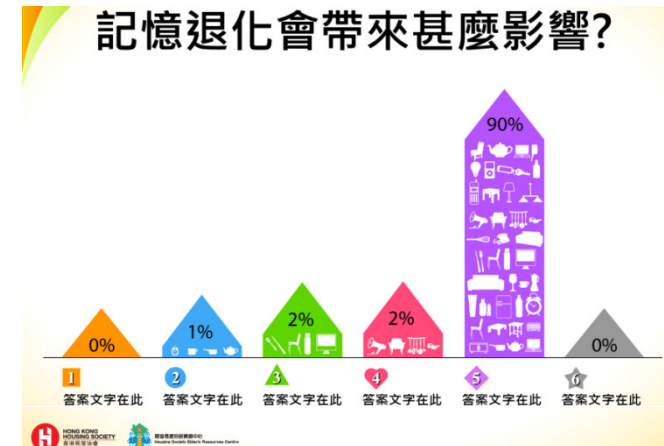
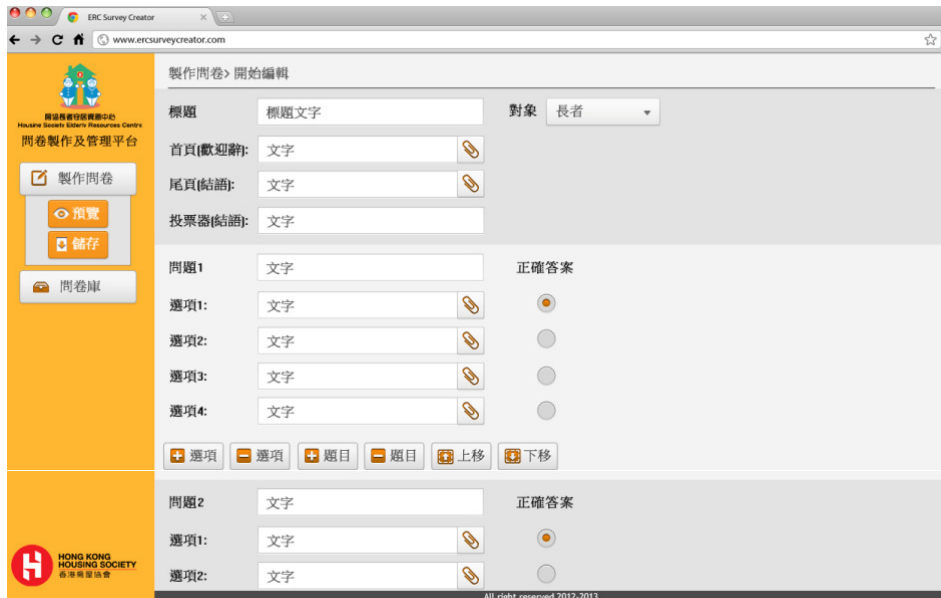
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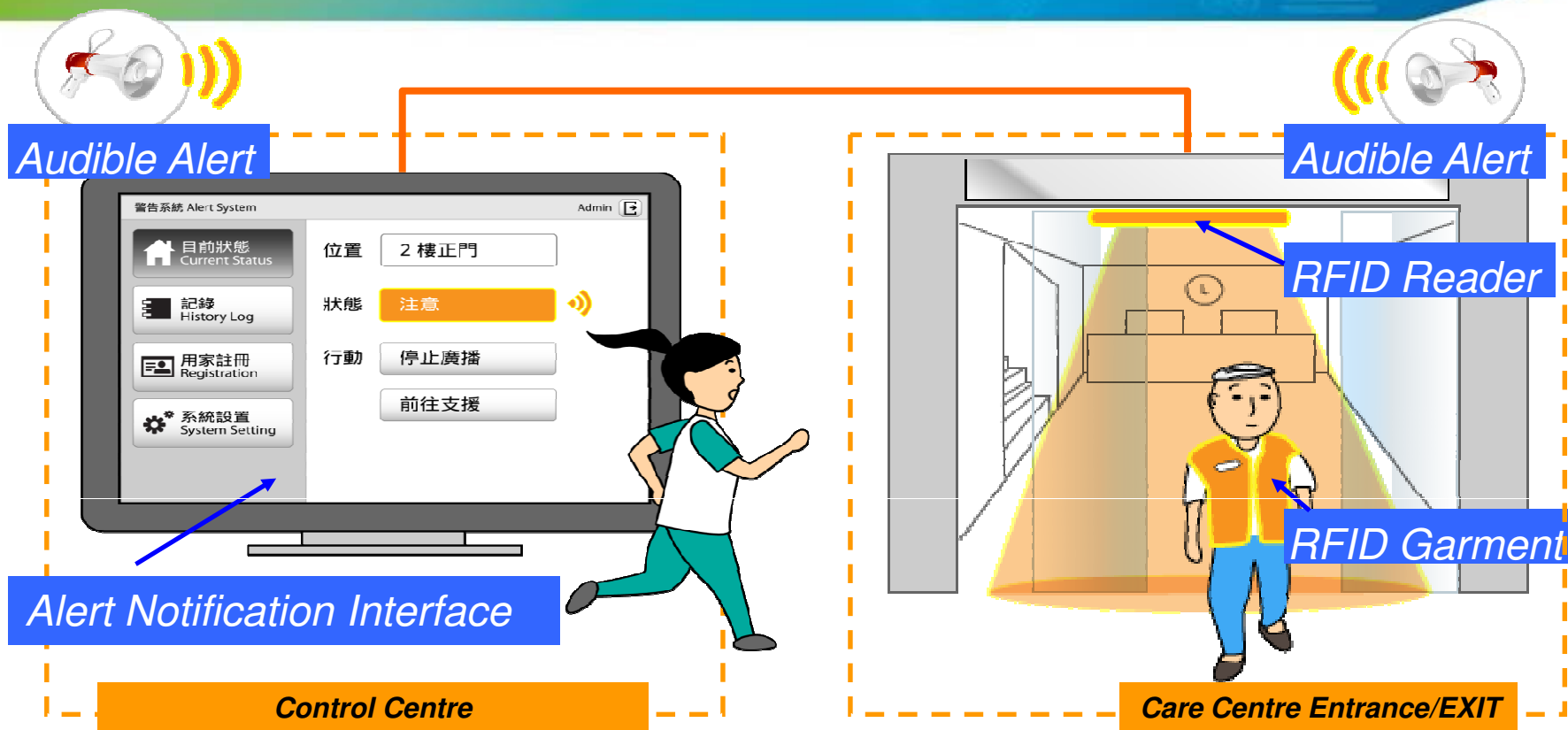


# Housing Society's Survey Questionnaire Collection System





# TWGHs Community Care Identification System



# TWGHs Video clip

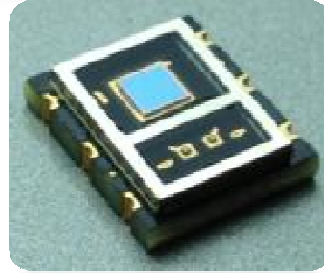
**ASTRI, HKRITA and LSCM collaboration**



# ASTRI Reflective Pulse Oximeter



**Pulse Oximetry Module**  
(15x15x1.7mm)



**IP-protected Sensor Module (9x11x1.6mm)**  
Patent No.: US 2012/0176599  
CN 102727220A



**Pulse Oximetry Done**  
(57x27x14.5mm, 15g)



ANDROID



- **Reflective** pulse oximetry module
- Continual measurement of **blood oxygen saturation, pulse rate, breathing rate and heart rate variability**
- **Key features:**
  - Unaffected by **nail polish** or **onychomycosis**
  - **Wireless** connectivity
  - Easy **integration** with consumer electronics
- **1 US & China** patent under application



# How to Identify Sleeping Apnea at Home?



## Multi-parameter Sleeping Test in Clinic

- Measure **oxygen saturation** and **heart rate variability**
- Record the **seriousness, duration** and **frequency** of low oxygen saturation



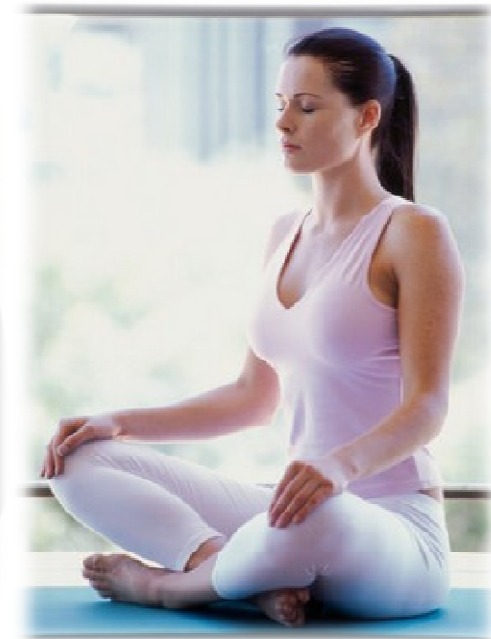
ASTRI's Reflective  
Pulse Oximeter





# Relieve Mental Stress

- Measure **Breathing Rate** and **HRV**
- **Monitor your Breathing Rate** and **HRV** to let you easier to improve your HRV, **relieve your stress**, and **improve your sleeping quality** by **controlling your breathing**



# Physical Fitness and High Altitude Training

- **Continual** measurement of **blood oxygen saturation** and **pulse rate** variation
- Data will be transmitted **wirelessly** for trainer to monitor the **performance** and adjust **training intensity**
- Allow sports lovers to monitor their health status **anywhere anytime**



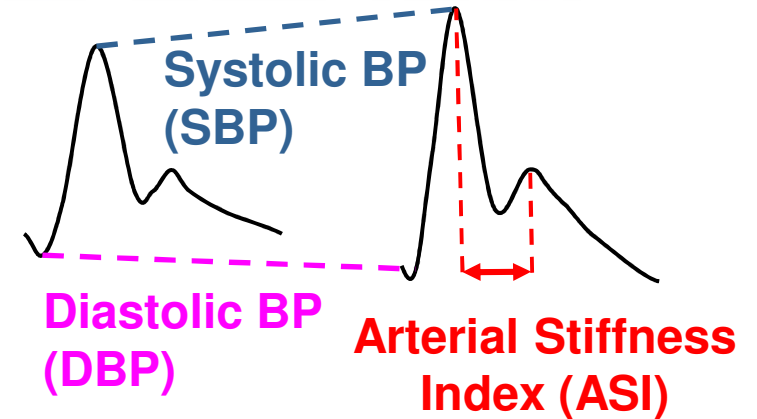
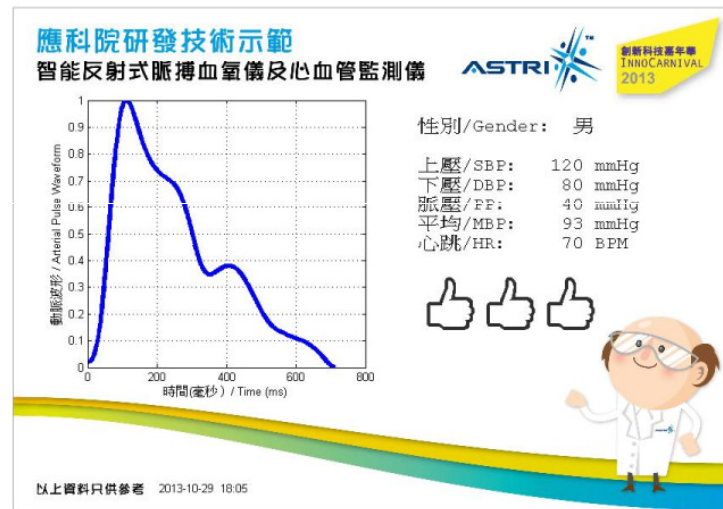
Training under hypoxia



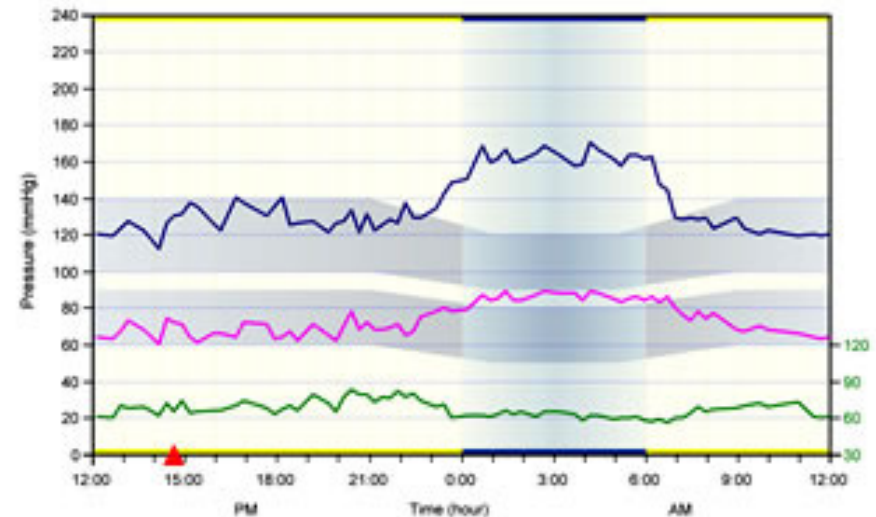
High-altitude Sports



# Cardio-Vascular Monitoring Device



## Identify Abnormalities at Night

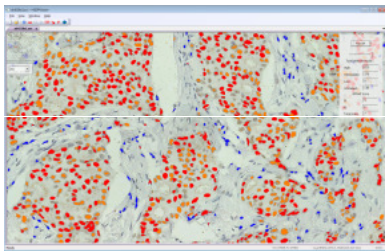


— Systolic — Pulse rate (PR)  
— Diastolic — Normal range

- ❑ Non-invasive Continuous Measurement of Blood Pressure, Arterial Stiffness Index and Pulse Rate at Wrist
- ❑ Measurement without disturbing the Patients



# ASTRI BME's Technology Focuses

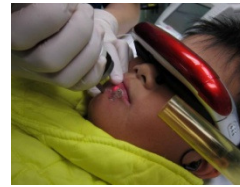


## High Speed Digital Pathology System (Digitization and Diagnosis)

Multiple technologies:

- microscope automation
- image processing
- machine interfacing
- data management

## Pain Distraction

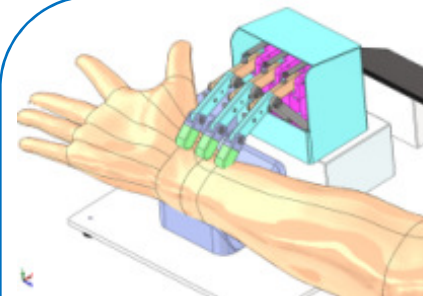


Lazy Eye  
-- BTD

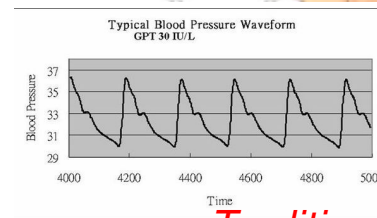
## Minimal Invasive Surgery



Mobile Medicine  
-- Goggle base



## Pulse Sensing



Diagnostic Instrumentation  
-- Traditional Chinese Medicine





# Healthy Ageing (WIP)



Goals:

## Enabling Technologies for Healthy Ageing



**Devices**

**Gateway & Backend Server**

- ❑ Smart sensors, algorithms, SiP, SoC, and integrated health & wellness monitoring devices , image recognition
- ❑ User-friendly gateway
- ❑ Cloud-based healthcare & wellness solution platform

*ASTRI's Core Technology*

**Devices/Technology from partners\***

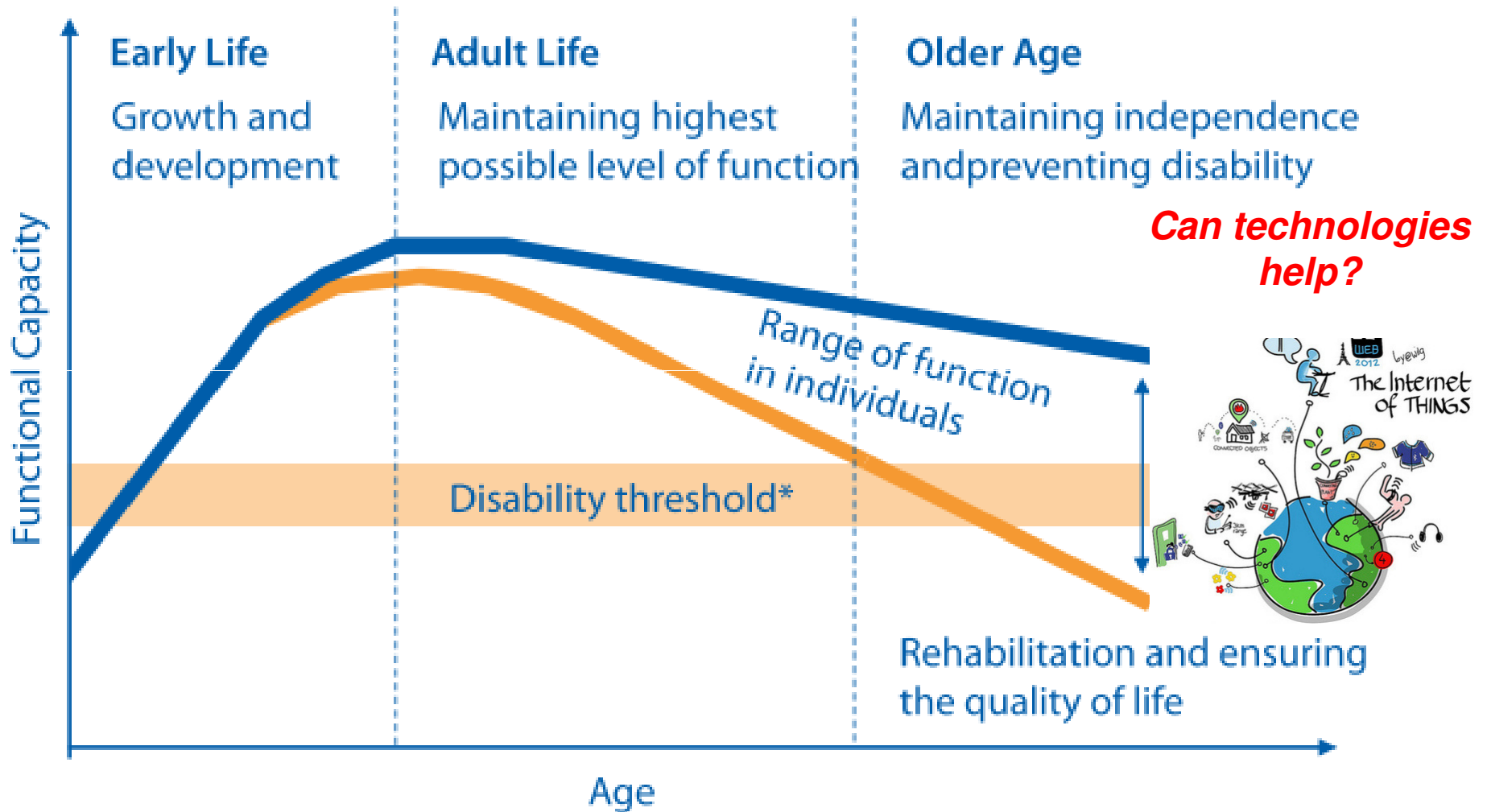
### Technologies/Devices from industry partners/universities/research institutes

**Customers/Users**



\* For devices that are not yet developed by ASTRI, we leverage the technologies from partners, e.g., wheelchair, invasive blood glucose device, etc.

# How Does Technologies Improve Life?



Source: "Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide" by WHO

# Preventive Healthcare

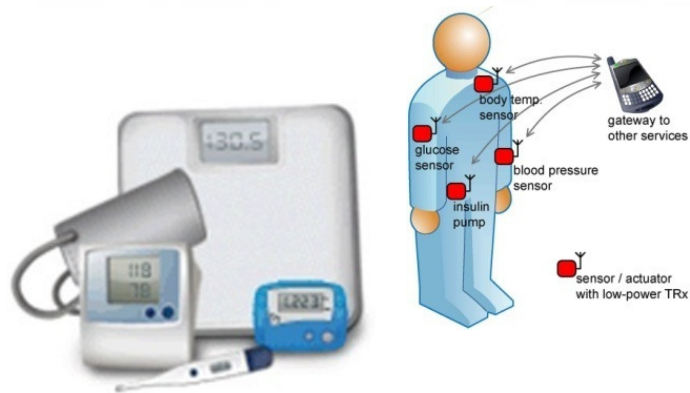
Preventive

Diagnosis

Treatment

- Reduce public medical expenditure/burden
- Huge demand in aging population
- Lower risk and less regulation

# What Are Needed in Preventive Healthcare – Devices & Sensors?



## Daily life tracking

- Activity/exercise tracker
- Health sensor: continual heart rate, electrocardiogram (ECG), stress/tiredness, blood pressure, arterial stiffness, blood glucose

## Community Centers

- Integrated health sensors: heart rate, electrocardiogram (ECG), pulse oximetry, blood pressure, arterial stiffness, blood glucose

## Housing Estate/Health Club

- Integrated health sensors: heart rate, electrocardiogram (ECG), pulse oximetry, blood pressure, arterial stiffness, blood glucose

# What Are Needed in Preventive Healthcare – Gateway & Big Data?



Daily life tracking

- Cloud-based Personal Wellness Solution Platform

Community Centers

- Elderly Healthcare Solution Platform
- Real-time health big data

Housing Estate/Health Club

- Elderly Healthcare Solution Platform
- Cloud-based Personal Wellness Solution Platform
- Real-time health big data



# ICT for Healthy Ageing Consortium (DRAFT)

## Vision

- Act as a central hub of technologies for elderly and to facilitate healthy ageing in Hong Kong

## Mission

- To promote healthy and active ageing in Hong Kong so as to enhance well-being and quality of life of elderly through the use of homegrown technologies

## Objectives

- To serve as a platform for the promotion and sharing of healthy ageing technologies
- To create an innovative and market-driven care delivery solution
- To generate sustainable business model through open collaboration

## Targeted Members/Stakeholders

- Industry partners: device manufacturers, ISP/Network providers, IT vendors
- Customers/users: NGOs, elderly homes
- Other stakeholders: universities, research institutes, pressure groups

## Contact

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# Key Technologies

## Two major areas

- **User experience**

- User interface
- Operation & System

- **Security**

- Data transmission
- Device Security
  - ❖ Closed system approach
  - ❖ Secured Android

# User Experience

## Target audience

- Who will use? patient, nurse etc.
- Education? elderly, professional etc.
- Auto or Manual entry?

## Dedicated UI design

- PC, tablet, phone?
- Portrait or landscape?
- Online or offline?
- Normal or big fonts or even graphic?
- Manual or auto input?

## Conduct target user survey

## Scenario/view graph to customer before actual development (programming)



# UX for Elderly (1)

**It's hard to imagine how unfamiliar, alien and complicated the technologies are to elderly users**



The Cambridge Lab Where They Test How Elderly People Use Technology

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kS1Pz7-ACis>

## UX for Elderly (2)

Button was supposed to be pushed, not to be slid



Slide buttons and slide-out hidden menus on touch screen are not intuitive for elderly

## UX for Elderly (3)

### The elderly all ask for a bigger font



**Smartphone with elderly mode**

<http://geek.miui.com/content-14-202-1.html>

## UX for Elderly (4)

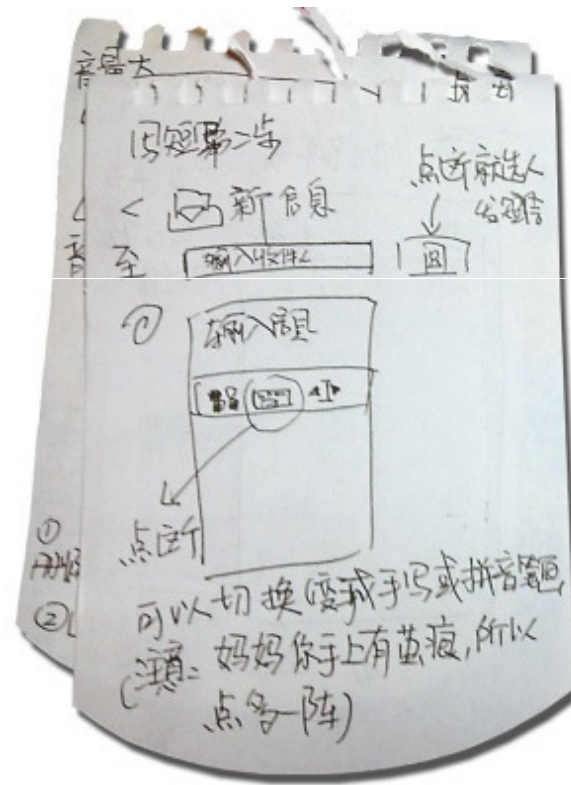
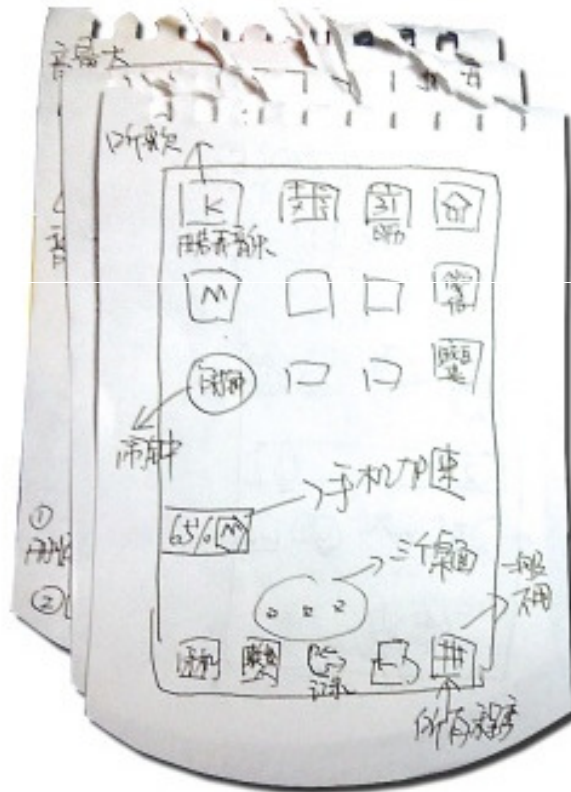
**The elderly are not able to decipher the meaning of icons**





# UX for Elderly (5)

## Teaching once is not enough



# UX for Elderly (6)

8:30 AM

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## 1 基本資料

姓名

性別    

年齡

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## 2 生理數據

血壓  體重

心跳

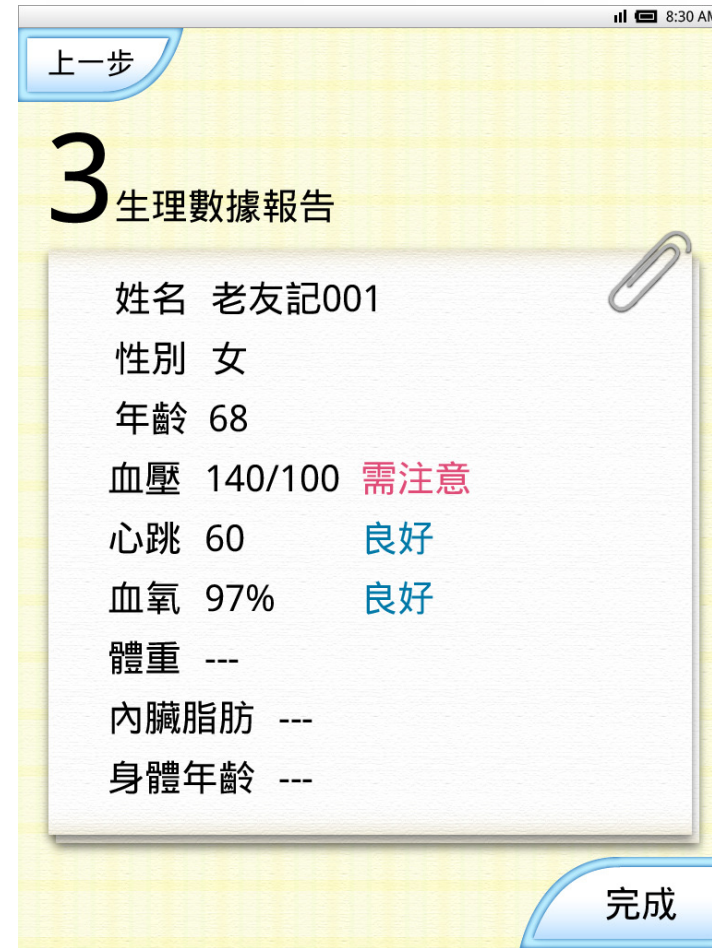
內臟脂肪

血氧  身體年齡

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- simple function, clear guidance, big font, easy to understand illustration.

# UX for Elderly (7)



- instant feedback with plain language and easy to understand illustration.



## UX for Elderly (8)

### Only way to an elderly friendly design – User Research





## Operation & system deployment is vital

- Mostly tight with security and organization guideline & workflow
- Network infrastructure
  - ❖ wire or wireless
  - ❖ firewall
- Device consideration
  - brand, battery, interface, support, etc.

## Testing is vital

- Zero-fault tolerance (healthcare industry)
- Sophisticated test plan
- Auto and random test
- Risk management design (e.g. how to handle server or device error)

# Security – Data Transmission

## •Medical Device -> gateway

- Wire/Wireless (e.g. USB vs BT)
- Encrypt transmission (need vendor support)

## •Gateway -> Server

- Encrypt transmission (e.g. HTTPS)
- Device registration (block unauthorized device)
- Extreme case:
  - Medical Device direct transmit to server (through SMS/IP) (rare device support)

# Security – closed system device



## **Secure system and app log-on**

- Secured fingerprint device unlocking
- Application authorization via NFC
- Power-on or Time-out password

## **Data protection**

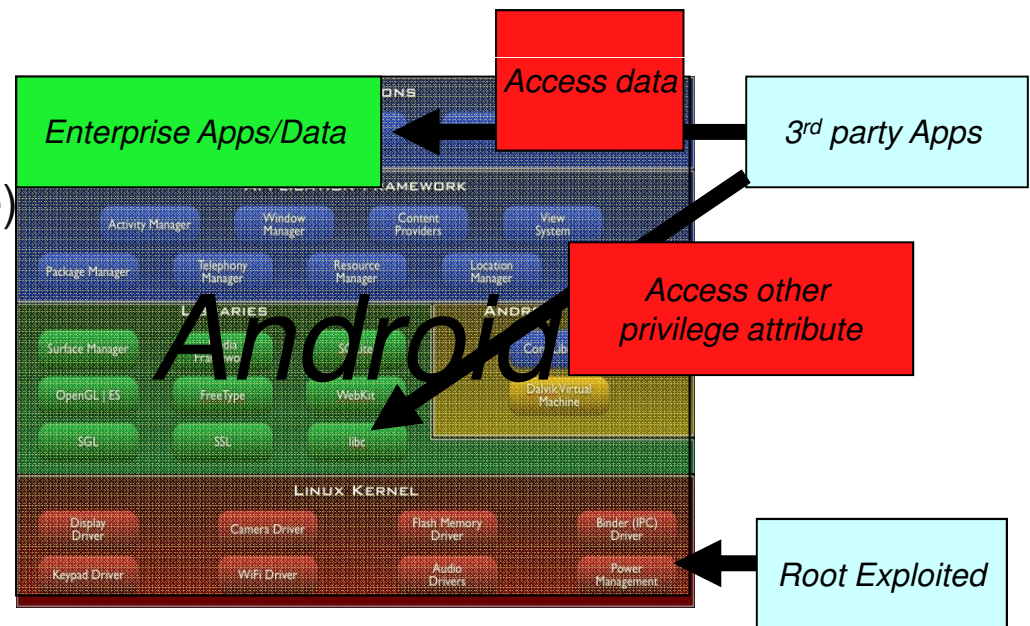
- Patient data encryption, including text, drawing, and images
- Auto factory reset after pre-defined failed device or application access
- Device encryption

## **Admin control and application security**

- Controlled Android application access and setting for security measure
- Admin control to restrict the access of external SD card and USB
- No user application installation and debug (prevent 3<sup>rd</sup> application, malware, intrude from day one)

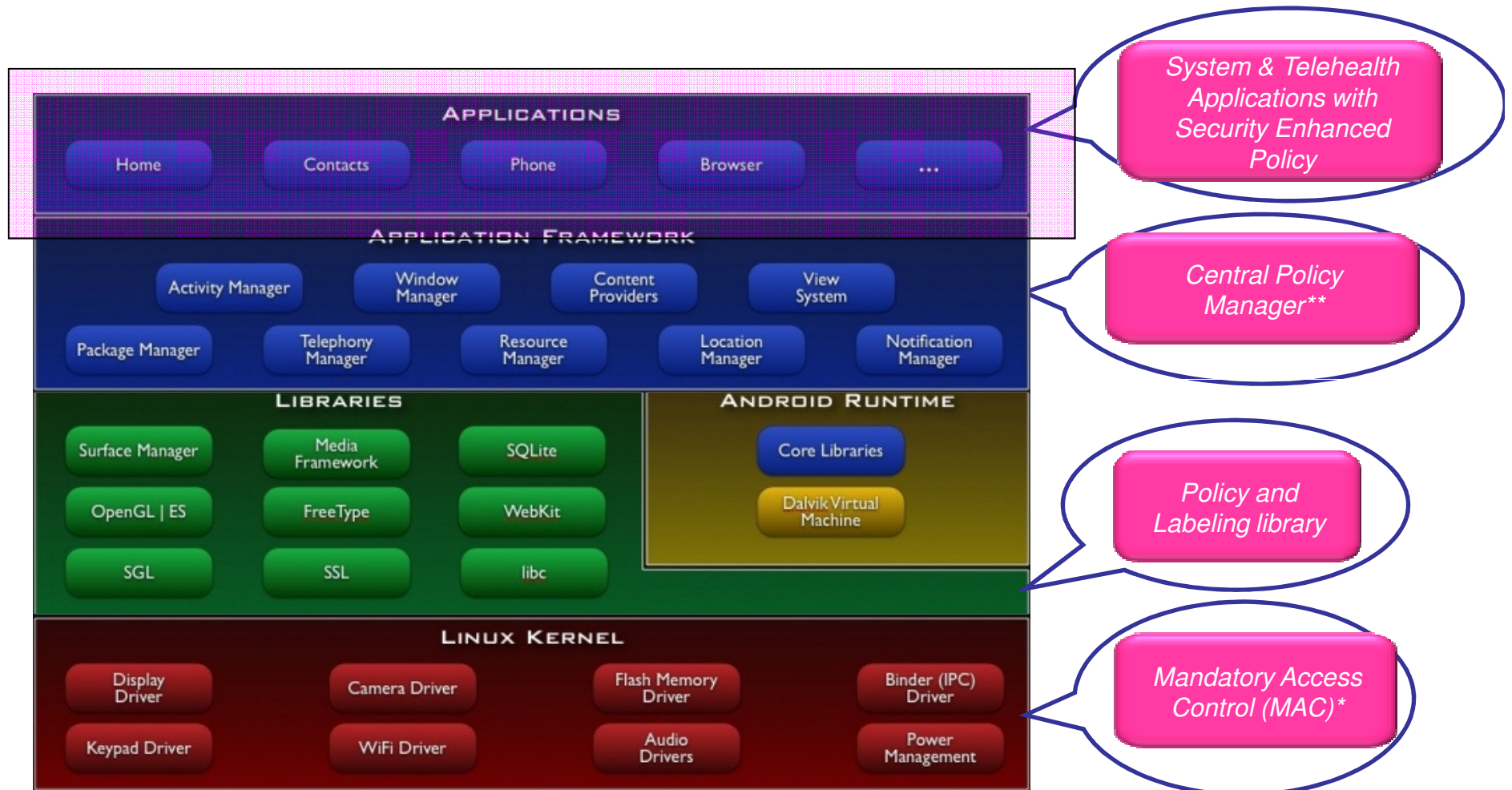
# Security – Secured Android Device

- Open system with closed system advantage (third party application coexist with enterprise one without sacrifice security)
- Increasing desire to use commodity mobile devices throughout enterprise (e.g., hospitals, elderly healthcare centers, government, etc.)
- What is Secured Android?
  - Enhance policy for attribute permission (fine-grain control)
  - Confines privileged daemons with damage limitation
  - Prevent privilege escalation
  - Strong separation among apps
  - Prevent general “Root” exploit
  - Multi-profile (personal/enterprise)
  - Private key protection





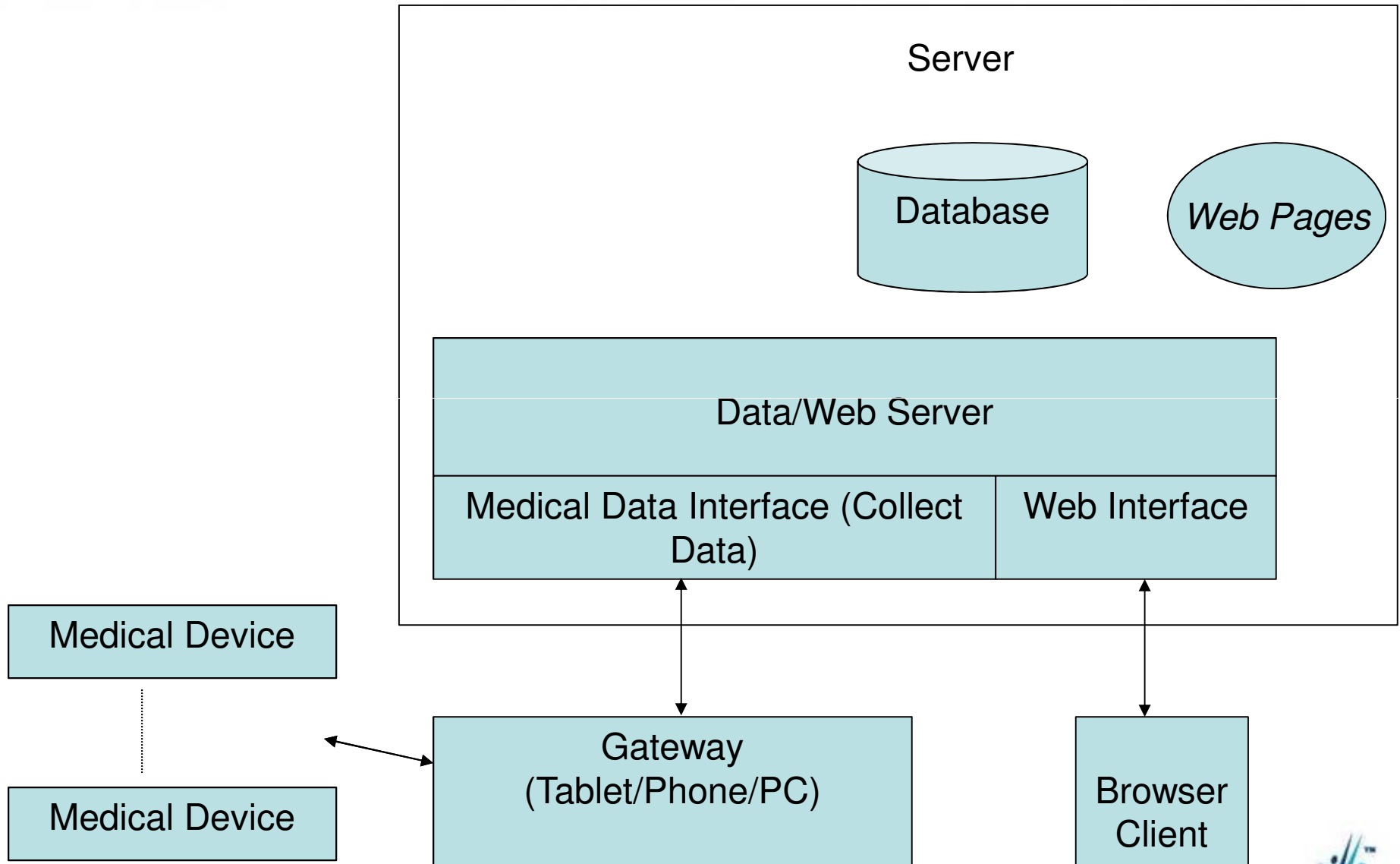
# Secured Android Architecture



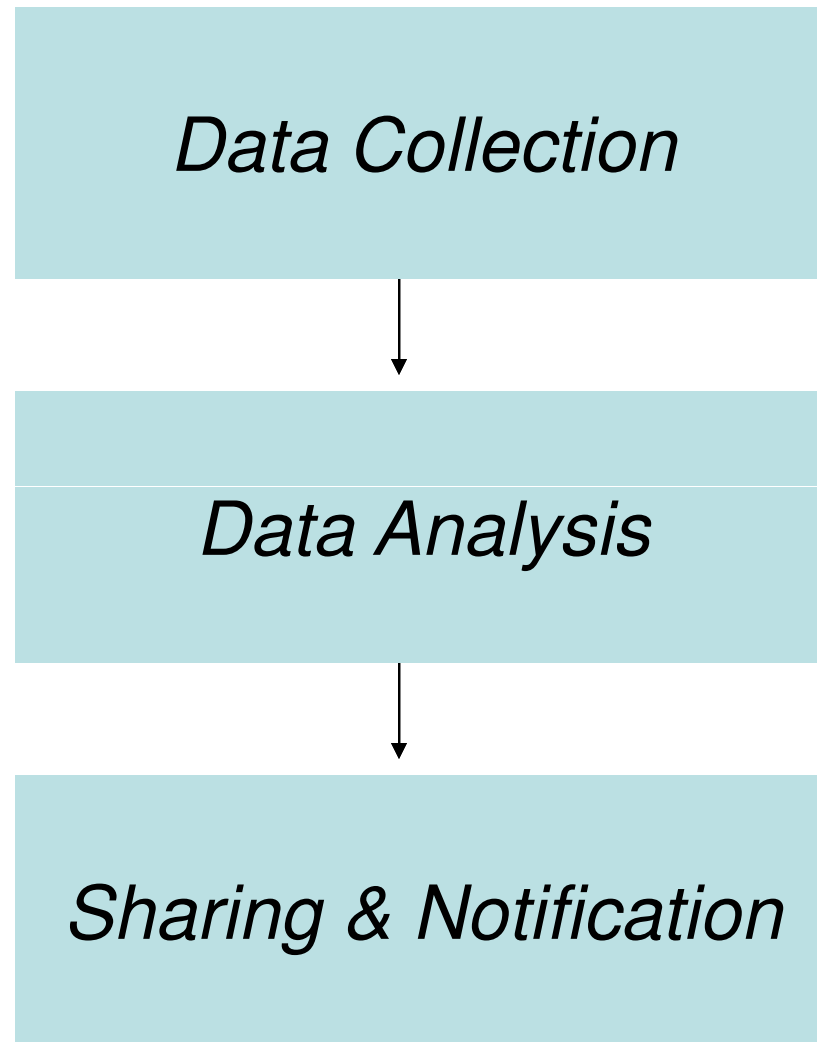
\* File system enhancement, extend attribute, Linux security module and audit

\*\* Policy Management, modified package, activity, content and resource managers

# Typical System Architecture



# Flow of Healthcare Service (Simplified)



# Data Collection (Multi-wireless Interfaces & Presentation)

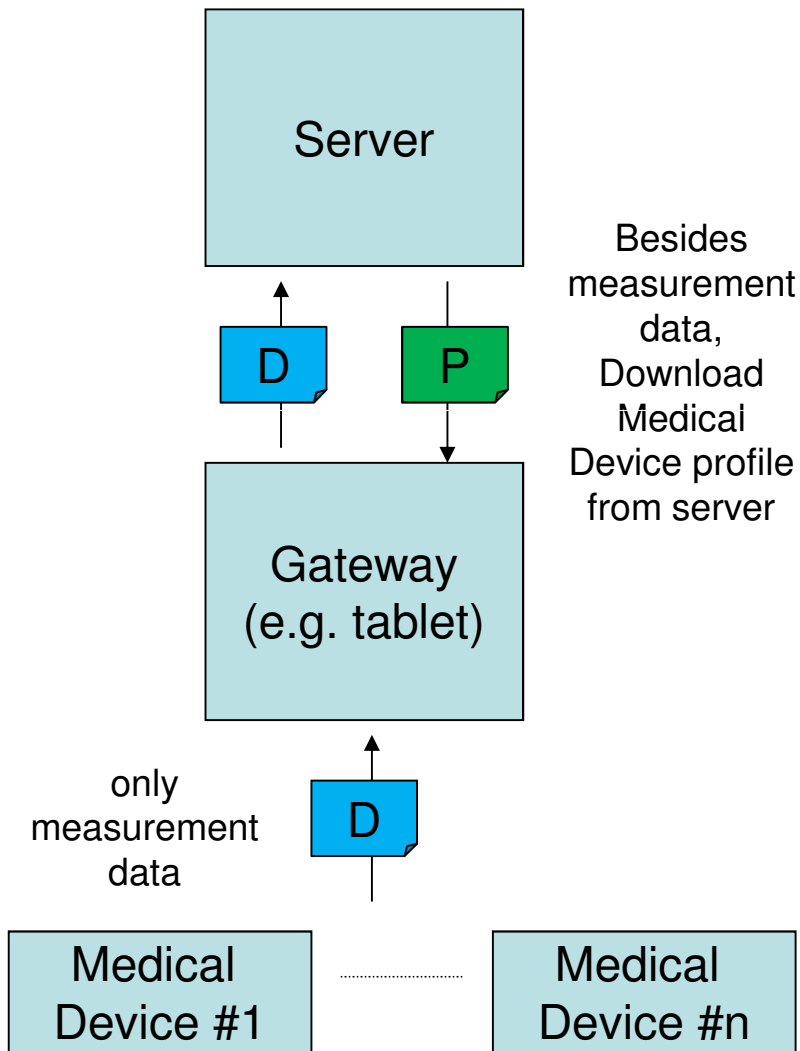
- Various interfaces of medical devices, how to manage?
  - A cast of thousands (from BT, ANT+, USB/serial etc.)
- BLE vital sign measurement devices are coming!**

Vendor	Device Type	Model Number	Interface Type	Interface Protocol
Nonin	Oximeter	9560	BT	Proprietary/Continua
Omron	Blood Pressure Monitor	HEM-7081-IT	BT	Proprietary/Continua
Omron	Precision Health Scale	HBF-206IT	BT	Proprietary
A&D	Blood Pressure Monitor	UA-767PBT	BT	Proprietary
A&D	Precision Health Scale	UC-321PBT	BT	Proprietary
A&D	Precision Health Scale	UC-321PBT-C	BT	Continua
FORA	Blood Glucose Plus Blood Pressure Monitoring System	D40b	BT	Continua
CLEVER	Ear Thermometer	TD-1261	BT	Proprietary
iHealth	Blood Pressure Monitor	BP7	BLE	BLE HDP standard
A&D	Blood Pressure Monitor	UA-851ANT	ANT+	Standard
Oregon Scientific	Pedometer	PE912	ANT+	Standard
Oregon Scientific	Blood Pressure Monitor	BPW800	ANT+	Standard
Oregon Scientific	Hart Rate Monitor	SE836	ANT+	Standard

- Management & presentation to support various healthcare services

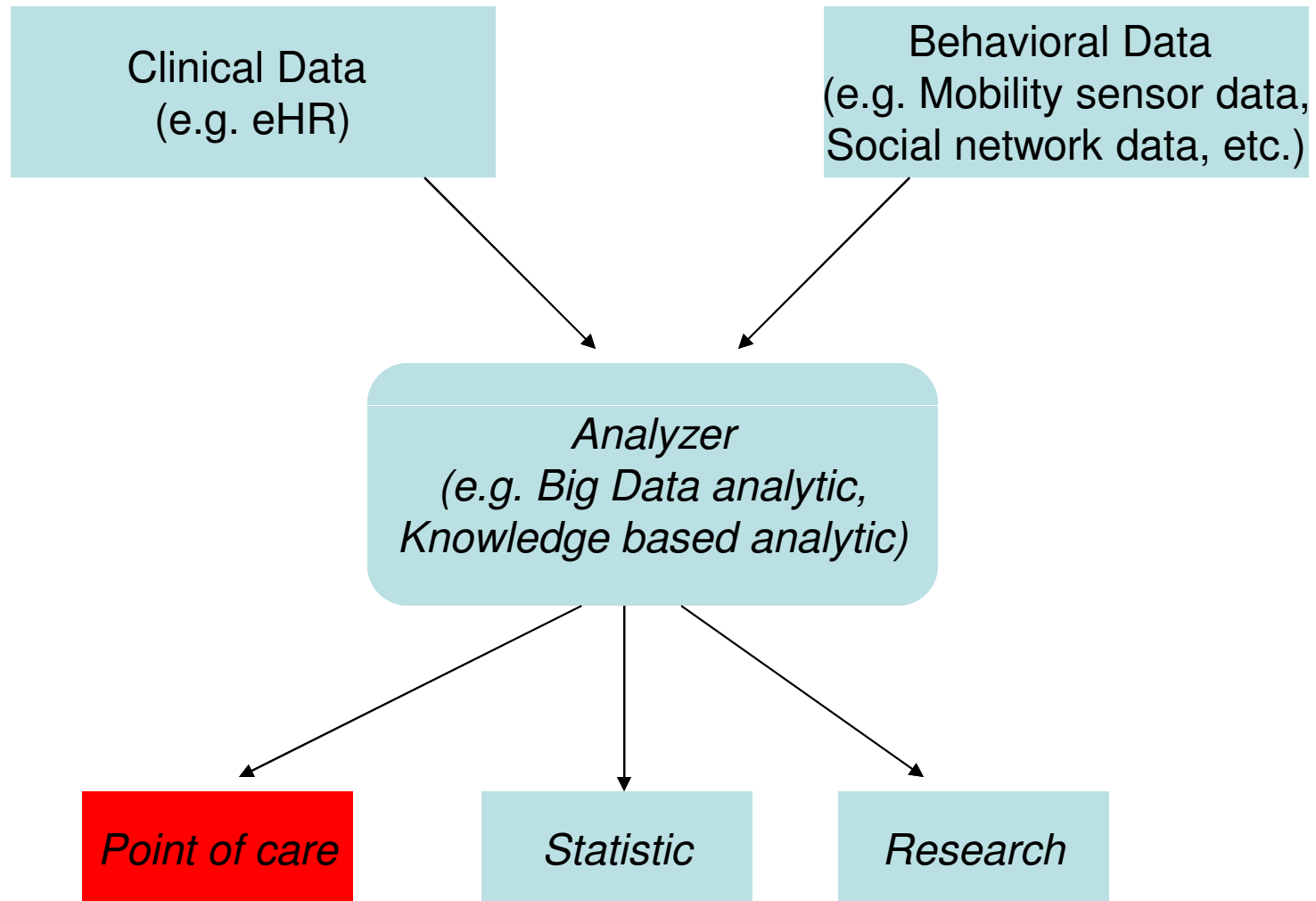


# Dynamic Device Management from ASTRI



- Medical Device Profile could include devices related GUI display template, protocol, etc.
- The measurement data will not be parsed with semantic meanings in the client. Only the medical device profile can tell what it is.
- Adv: server can dynamically update client to handle as many devices as possible without predefined
- Adv: server can update GUI template to dynamically support new application feature with the device. Also, using template mechanism in local client can enhance user experience vs. web browsing mechanism
- Adv: minimize the effort to development / deployment of client

# Data Analysis



# Data Analysis (Knowledge based)

## Score-based Risk Assessment (e.g., diabetic awareness)

**HARVARD School of Public Health**

**Disease Risk Index** my results:

@ Harvard School of Public Health

Welcome to *Disease Risk Index*, the source on prevention. Here, you can find out your risk of developing five of the most important diseases in the United States and get personalized tips for preventing them.

To get started, choose one of the diseases below.

- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Osteoporosis
- Stroke

**9 ways to prevent disease**

What is...?  
Prevention Risk  
A Screening Test

How to...  
Estimate Risk

Community Action

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**MIT Medical**  
Care for our community

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**DIABETES CARE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Location: 223 second floor | Schedule Appointments: Most Wednesdays, 10 am-2:30 p.m. | Phone: 617-355-7570 | Refer: A ref's Medic is req.

**Overview**

MIT Medical offers help in managing diabetes from nutritional dietitian and certified people of all ages; if not controlled, it can cause complications including cardiovascular blindness, and nerve damage. Eating well and being physically active are the first controlled through lifestyle changes, oral or injectable medication may be needed.

Meet with MIT Medical's diabetes educator to discuss your situation, ask question to monitor your blood glucose levels and and other risk factors for complications & treatment plan and get information on dining out, handling emergencies, etc.

**Asia Diabetes Foundation**

JADE | DIAMOND | PEARL | PLATINUM | RUBY | AMBER | DD2

**High Tech Soft Touch**

**About ADF**

The Asia Diabetes Foundation (ADF) is a non-profit making organization developed to initiate and implement medical, scientific and academic research activities to collect and

**For Professionals**

**Publications**

- The Complexity of Vascular and Non-Vascular Complications of Diabetes: The Hong Kong Diabetes Registry, *Current Cardiovascular Risk Reports* 2011; 2(2):202-205
- Comprehensive risk assessments of diabetic patients from seven Asian countries: The joint Asia Diabetes Evaluation (ADE) program, *J Diabetes* 2011; 2(2):109-112

**Events**

- 24 May 2012 - 25 May 2012 ADF Diabetes Preventing the Prevalence 2 Jun 2012

**For General Public**

**Articles**

- Prof. Juliana Chan talks about advances in diabetes management and the recent controversy on insulin therapy and cancer risk
- Dr. Guo-Qiang Dong (Chinese only)

**FRAMINGHAM HEART STUDY**  
A Project of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and Boston University

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**Diabetes Risk Score**

(Based on Wilson, Meigs, Sullivan, Fox, Nathan, DiGirolamo, "Prediction of Incident Diabetes Mellitus in Middle-aged Adults: The Framingham Offspring Study," Archives of Internal Medicine 2007)

**Outcome**  
Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (fasting blood glucose at or above 125 mg/dL)

**Duration of follow-up**  
Average of 7 years; 5-year risk prediction

**Population of interest**  
Individuals 45 to 64 years

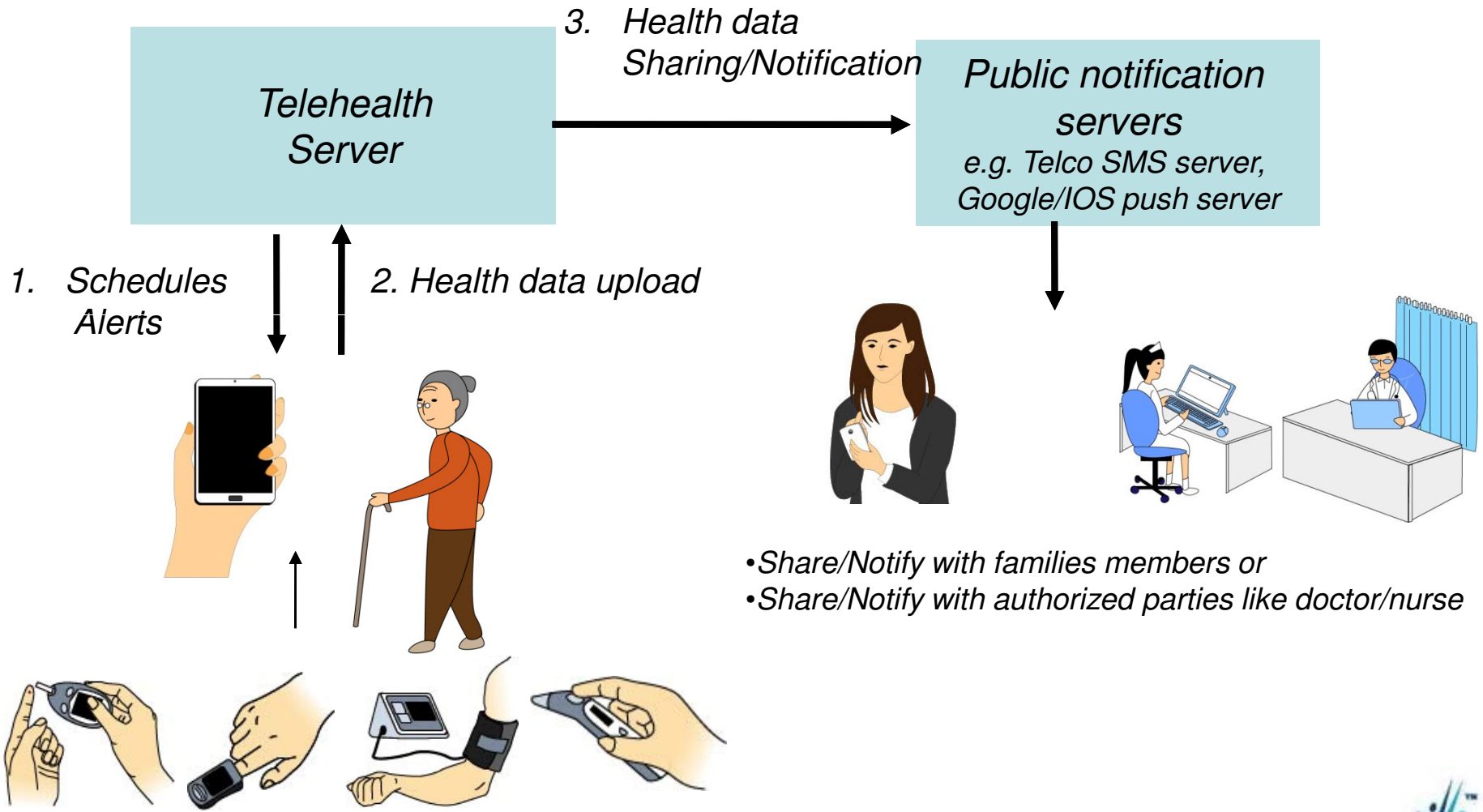
**Predictors**

- Age categories
- Gender
- Fasting Glucose above 100 mg/dL
- BMI (Body Mass Index) categories
- HDL cholesterol categories
- Triglyceride above 150 mg/dL
- Blood Pressure categories
- Parental History of Diabetes

**Logistic Regression Model with Coefficients**

Variable	Beta*	OR	95% CI	P-value
Intercept	-3.517			
Age, y		Referent		
<40				
40-54	-0.015	0.92	(0.84 - 1.00)	0.92
≥55	-0.021	0.92	(0.84 - 1.00)	0.77
Male	-0.010	0.99	(0.70 - 1.41)	0.95
Parental history of diabetes mellitus	0.355	1.75	(1.17 - 2.64)	0.005
BMI		Referent		
<25				
25.0-29.9	0.001	1.01	(0.72 - 1.44)	0.93
≥30.0	0.92	2.50	(1.45 - 4.32)	0.001
Blood pressure >120 (mmHg) or receiving therapy	0.492	1.63	(1.10 - 2.40)	0.02

# Sharing & Notification





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# Lessons Learned

- **Focusing on solution**

- Workflow/Operations
- User experience

- **Focusing on data protection**

- Closed system approach
- Secured Android

## Conclusion Remarks

- Growth of ageing population is an inevitable trend
- ICT can play an important role, in particular of increasing smartphone/table penetration
- Mobile operator is an obvious important player
- Insurance company is a neglected important player
- **Focus on Solutions, not Technology**

# ICT for Healthy Ageing Consortium (DRAFT)

## Vision

- Act as a central hub of technologies for elderly and to facilitate healthy ageing in Hong Kong

## Mission

- To promote healthy and active ageing in Hong Kong so as to enhance well-being and quality of life of elderly through the use of homegrown technologies

## Objectives

- To serve as a platform for the promotion and sharing of healthy ageing technologies
- To create an innovative and market-driven care delivery solution
- To generate sustainable business model through open collaboration

## Targeted Members/Stakeholders

- Industry partners: device manufacturers, ISP/Network providers, IT vendors
- Customers/users: NGOs, elderly homes
- Other stakeholders: universities, research institutes, pressure groups

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# End of Presentation

Thank you. Questions are welcome.

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