

Cardiac Wearable Technology

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"Each patient carries his own doctor inside him."

Norman Cousins

"I know my body, Doc!"

Numerous patients

Health Literacy

- 9 of 10 patients are not proficient in health literacy
- "Improving our nations's health literacy is critical to creating a system of care based on wellness and prevention"- Regina Benjamin, Former Surgeon General

Wearable Technology

- Increased consumer demand
 - 9% usage in 2014 to 33% in 2018
 - 80% willing to wear fitness technology
 - Growth of 10% annually to surpass 120 million users by 2023
- Increased Device Choices
 - Wearable Fitness Trackers
 - Smart Health Watches
 - Wearable ECG Monitors
 - Wearable Blood Pressure Monitors
 - Biosensors



Wearable Technology

- Increased Demand From Employers and Insurers
 - Defines Healthier Lifestyles
 - 75% of wearers say "wearables help them engage with their own health"
 - Less Employee Turnover: 18% vs 29% average turnover in corporations that offer 5 or more wellness incentives, vs 2 or fewer
 - Reduced hospital visits and readmissions among patients using wearables



Wearable Fitness Trackers

- FitBit
 - Most commonly studied
- Garmin
- Misfit
- Polar
- Withings/Nokia (Acquired by Nokia in 2016)
- Apple

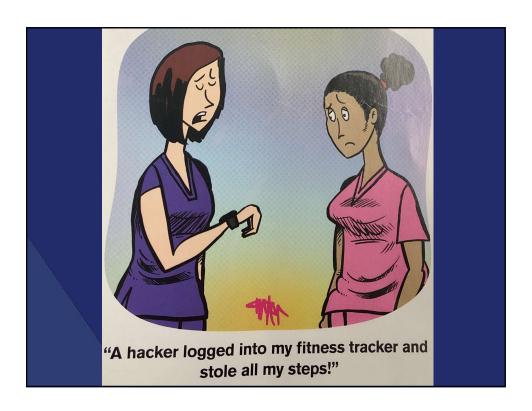


Wearable Fitness Trackers

Brand	Fitbit	Garmin	Misfit	Apple	Polar	Samsung	Withings	Mic
Devices ^a	9	40	8	3	11	12	2	3
MEDLINE ^b	54	22	12	8	6	5	5	5
Validation or reliability ^c	40	18	12	6	6	5	5	5
Steps	21	10	6	1	2	2	4	
Energy expenditure	10	4	3	4	3	1		2
Heart rate	7	4	1	4	1	2		5
Sleep	8	1	4		1		2	
Other	3	4	2		1			
ClinicalTrials ^d	31	3	1	2	4	2	2	3
SDK ^e	1	/	/	1	1	/		
API^{f}	1	1	1	1	1	/	/	
Apple Health ^g			1	/	1		1	1
Google Fith			1		/		1	1

Wearable Fitness Trackers

- Meta-analysis of 6 studies published in the American Journal of Medicine show that fitness trackers do not directly correlate to lower BP, cholesterol levels or significant weight loss
- Fitness trackers do increase motivation for exercise
- Motivation to move does not persist long enough or lead to enough exercise to significantly change outcomes
- A catch 22? Moving enough to change outcomes



Smart Health Watches

- Apple Watch
- Fitbit
- Garmin
- Android (now know as Wear OS)
- Samsung
- Fossil
- Misfit



Smart Health Watch Studies

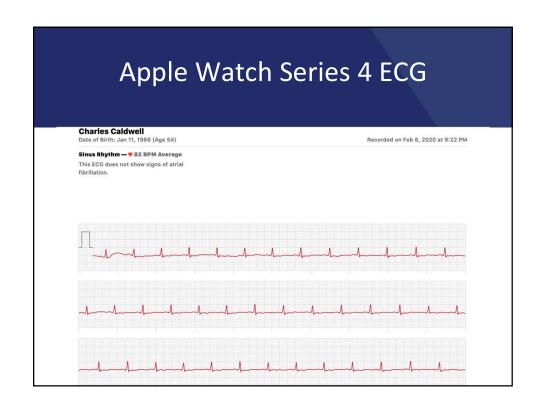
- Apple Women's Health Study
 - · Collaboration between Harvard, and NIEHS
 - Track menstrual periods and risks of polycystic ovarian syndrome, infertility, and osteoporosis.
- Apple Sound Exposure Study
 - · University of Michigan and Apple
 - App measures sound exposure levels and how sound exposure levels affect hearing loss
- · Apple Heart and Movement Study
 - An extension of Apple Heart Study with Stanford launched in 2017 and attracted 400,000 participants
 - Extended to include Brigham and Women's and the American Heart Association
 - Collect movement data, pace of movement, and stair climbs to study the connection to hospitalizations, falls, cardiovascular health, and quality of life.

Apple Heart Study

- 420,000 subjects enrolled over 8 months
- iPhone with Apple Watch Series 1,2,or 3
- Can a smartwatch identify A Fib using photoplethysmography (Light sensor)?
 - A Tachogram or plot of time between heartbeats. If irregular, then more frequent measurements were taken.
 - If 5 of 6 measurements were irregular then a notification was sent to the patient
 - Patients were sent to a Telehealth study physician via the app and referred for an ambulatory ECG patch for up to 7 days.
 - Follow up Telehealth consultation was performed to study the results.

Apple Heart Study

- 0.52% of patients received an irregular pulse notification
- Apple Watch had an 84% positive predictive value for identification of patch verified A fib. This is comparable to implanted monitors.
- Negatives... 16% false readings both positive and negatives
- 57% of patients receiving an irregular pulse notification also contacted a local physician
- Apple Watch Series 4 has an EKG app.



Apple Watch MiCORE Study

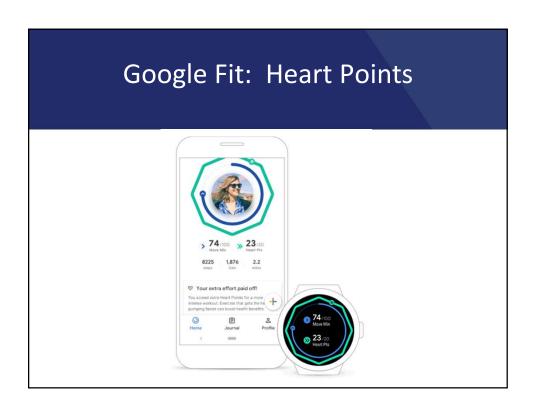
- Presented at American Heart Association in April 2019
- 859 Patients randomized, 31% women in active treatment arm
- · Older patients with a mean age of 57 years old
- Smartphone Corrie app and Apple Watch used to manage care after STEMI on NSTEMI. Integrated iHealth Bluetooth BP cuff measurements
 - Can you reach older heart attack patients through technology?
 - Significantly Reduced 30 day readmission rates compared to control
 - Increased compliance with medications
 - "We saw older, sicker patients engaged with technology as a critical part of their recovery all the way from the ICU to home."

Apple Watch HEARTLINE Study

- Currently underway in the US
- A collaborative study between Johnson & Johnson and Apple
- Assess how the Apple Watch can detect and diagnose A Fib in patients 65 years and older and reduce the incidence of stroke
- https://www.heartline.com/

Google Fit: Heart Points

- Collaboration between Google and the American Heart Association
- Move Minutes
 - Earned minutes for the time and intensity of exercise
- Heart Points
 - Points earned for "taking it up a notch" by increased activity for each minute of moderately intense activity.
- Based on guideline goals of 150 minutes a week (30 minutes 5 days a week) of moderate exercise like brisk walking or at least 75 minutes a week of vigorous exercise like running

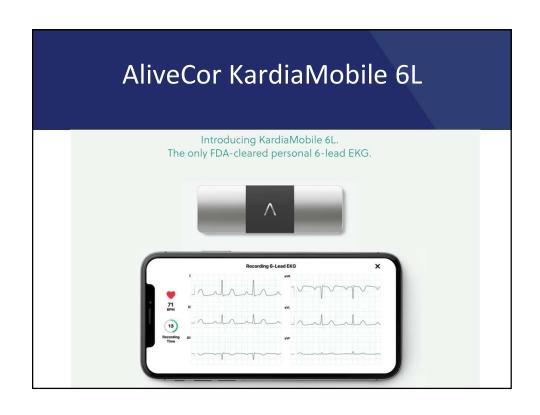


Wearable ECG Monitors

- Apple Watch 5
- AliveCor Kardia
 - KardiaMobile
 - Kardia Band
 - KardiaMobile 6L
- Wellue DuoEK



AliveCor Kardia 6L





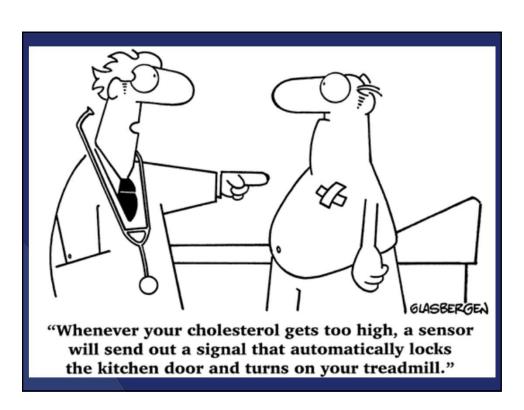
Biosensors

- Phillips Wearable Biosensor: A self adhesive patch that tracks movement, HR, respiratory rate and temperature
 - 89% reduction in patient condition deterioration in studies









Baptist Health Cardiac Remote Monitoring Pilot | Pilo

Can I Bill For This?

- Yes! Medicare expanded remote patient monitoring and chronic care management codes in 2019 and further expanded them in 2020.
- Remote Patient Monitoring- Can now be billed "incident to" under "General" physician supervision
 - 99457 (\$51.63). Initial 20 minutes monthly
 - 99458 (\$42.23). Additional 20 minutes monthly
- Chronic Care Management Two or more chronic conditions expected to last 12 months or longer. Can be billed monthly by physician or qualified provider.
- \bullet G0506(\$63.43) One time assessment and care planning code on initiation of CCM
- 99490 (\$42.17)
- 99491 (\$83.97)
- 99487 (\$92.98)
- 99489 (\$46.49)
- Principal Care Management-1 chronic condition by specialist
 - G2065 (\$39.70)
- Transitional Care Management- Transition from hospital to outpatient for 30 days. Can be billed once at 30 days by physician or qualified provider
- 99495 (\$166.50)
- 99496 (\$234.97)



