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Mobile technology facilitates participatory health and management of chronic disease

Imagine if you could send text messages to your home care clients to remind them to take their prescription medicine on time. Or, if your employees had a patient's up-to-the-minute health information before they arrived at the client's home.

These scenarios are increasingly likely, thanks to mobile technologies that provide actionable information to help home care workers, healthcare practitioners and patients effectively manage widespread chronic disease.

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Reader survey

Thanks to all of you who completed the reader survey. We'll review your feedback and discuss in next week's issue.

In other news...

Secretary Sebelius Releases New Success Story Report: Health Information Technology Strengthens Care in Rural Communities

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius released a [report](#) on how health information technology can improve health care for Americans living in rural communities. The report examines how the Columbia Basin Health



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Association in Othello, Washington uses health information technology to improve health care quality and patient safety as well as promote care coordination and continuity.

Robotic Technology at AAHSA Concept House

Cyberdyne, the Center of Aging Services Technology's (CAST) newest member, will showcase how its Hybrid Assistive Limb (HAL) can improve older people's quality of care and life at the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging's (AAHSA) Annual Meeting & Exposition [Annual Meeting & Exposition](#) in November.

HAL is a wearable robotic suit that is designed to multiply a person's strength by reading bio-electric signals that the person generates. The suit uses those signals to guide the movement of robotic limbs strapped to a person's arms and legs. With HAL's help, even stroke patients may be able to walk and nurses have extra strength to move individuals who need assistance.

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On the Web

New publication launched

The Society for Participative Medicine launched its new publication yesterday. The peer-reviewed [Journal of Participatory Medicine](#) will be published online. Read the [announcement](#).

The launch coincided with the [2009 Connected Health Symposium](#). You can follow the Symposium on Twitter: #cch09.

Save Home Health Care

Oppose Congress' proposed Medicare home health cuts

Send this [online petition](#) to colleagues and clients to forward to their elected representatives.

Upcoming Conferences

[National Association for Home Care & Hospice](#)

March on Washington
Tuesday, October 27
Washington, DC

[mHealth Summit: Mobile Technologies as a Platform for Health Research and Healthcare Delivery](#)

Oct 29 - Oct 30, 2009
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center,
Washington, DC

[2009 American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging Annual Meeting & Expo](#)

"Changing Lives"
November 8 - 11, 2009
McCormick Place, Lakeside Center
Chicago, IL

[2010 AAHSA Future of Aging Services](#)

Conference and Leadership Summit
Marriot Wardman Park Hotel
February 22 - 24, 2010
Washington, D.C.

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