

Sensing and predictive treatment of frailty and associated co-morbidities using advanced personalized models and advanced interventions

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# In Europe: Percentage of people over 80 years 5% in 2015, 10% in 2040

Graph 15 - Projection of changes in the structure of the population by main age groups, EU27 (in %)



Source: Eurostat, EUROPOP2008.





## Frailty



**Frail older people display low resilience to minor stressors (e.g. urinary tract infection)** Clegg, Andrew and Young, John and Iliffe, Steve and Rikkert, Marcel Olde and Rockwood, Kenneth, "Frailty in elderly people," *The Lancet,* vol. 381, pp. 752-762, 2013.

## **Adverse events and costs**

- Adverse events: falls, injuries, death, hospitalization, increased utilization of healthcare system's medical resources, entrance to nursing home, intake of pharmaceuticals, long-term care, long utilization of non-medical resources (e.g. social services)
- Older people are hospitalized for fall-related injuries 5 times more often than from injuries from other causes
- The average cost of medical and social care for a fall related injury 9.000 €, while the total cost of severe fall-related injuries may > 30.000 €

## **Frailty: A Societal Challenge**

- Frailty is a dynamic and not an irreversible process; it seems preventable, may be delayed, or reversed.
- Early detection and intervention are expected to improve quality of life and reduce health services costs

## Value of detecting frailty

I- evaluate the risks of functional decline, morbidity and mortalityII- define the risk/benefit balance of therapeutic strategiesIII- propose specific actions to prevent or regress frailty.

This new holistic approach is impossible wihout the collaboration of several health professionals.

## **Frailty models**

- Clinical phenotype, **Fried et al. 2001**: presence of 5 core "frail" elements: weakness, poor endurance, weight loss, low physical activity and slow gait speed.
- **Bergman et al. 2008**, extended definition including biological, social, clinical, psychological, and environmental determinants. 7 markers of frailty: nutrition, mobility, activity, strength, endurance, cognition, and mood.
- **Rockwood et al. 2007**, Cumulative Deficit model: CGA Frailty Index (FI-CGA:) consists of a summary measure of deficit accumulation across functional, clinical, and physiological levels. Includes co-morbidity, disability, cognitive, psychological and social factors.

### **Frailsafe vs Conventional Geriatric Assessment**



**FrailSafe** offers hi-tech, clinically usable tools that lead to an earlier identification of frailty or pre-frail conditions, and makes feasible the application of early interventions to prevent worsening or reverse this condition

## **ICT assisted vs Conventional Assessment**

- Assessment in natural environment than in usual clinical settings
- Multiple signals in real time conditions than single shot evaluation
- Big data analytics than analysis of limited data
- Objectivity than subjectivity in the interpretation of results
- Quantitative than just qualitative
- Transforming traditional to digital model (explore and use available digital technologies)
- Earlier identification of conditions make feasible early interventions to prevent worsening
- From reactive medicine to proactive/preventive medicine and precision medicine

## Frailsafe

- A real life sensing (physical, cognitive, psychological, functional, social) platform
  Better understanding of frailty and its relation to co-morbidities
  - Quantitative and qualitative measures of frailty (through advanced data mining approaches on multiparametric data)
- Prediction of short and long-term outcome and risk of frailty
- An intervention (guidelines, real-time feedback, AR serious games) platform offering personalized physiological reserve and external challenges
- A safe, unobtrusive and acceptable system for the ageing population

## **Video presentation**

