# Technology's Promise & Failure in Preventing Readmissions

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# Agenda

Disclosures
Readmissions and its causes
Use CHF as example
Trends
Technology and its role
Examples
Q&A, time permitting

# Disclosures

### Chief Strategist, 360Fresh, Inc. & co-founder

semantic mining of medical records

predict risk of non-adherence, readmission, clinical deterioration, adverse care trajectory...

Co-founder of CalRHIO

health information exchange (HIE)

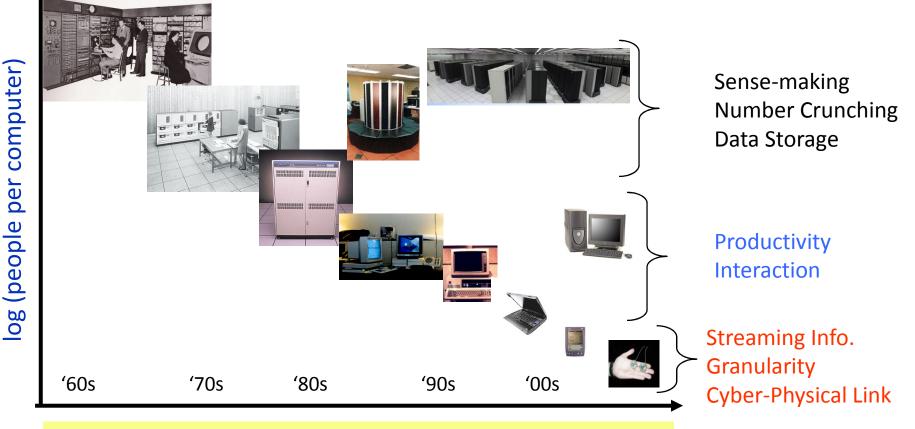
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BOD of Lumetra Health Solutions

BOA California Telehealth Network (CTN)

State-wide broadband Telehealth project in California

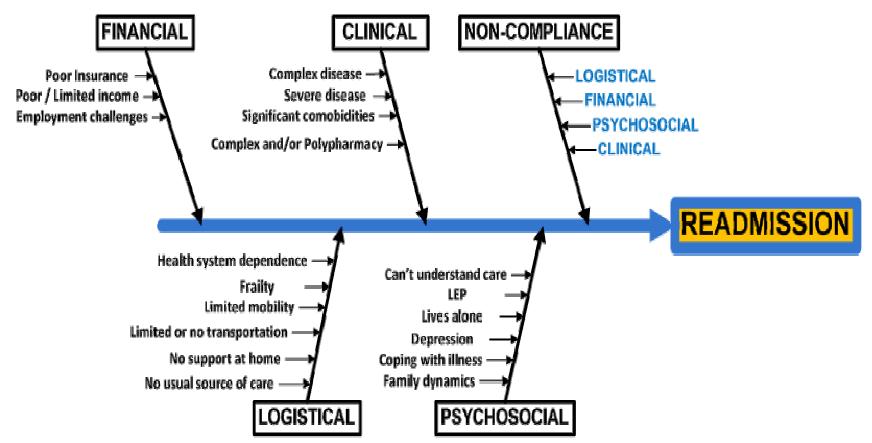
### Underlying Trends: Bell's Law – New computer class every 10 years



- Enabled by technological opportunities & advances
- Smaller, more numerous and more intimately connected
- Ultimately used in many ways not previously imagined
- Ushers in a new kinds of applications, capabilities, and services

### **Complexity of Re-admisssions**

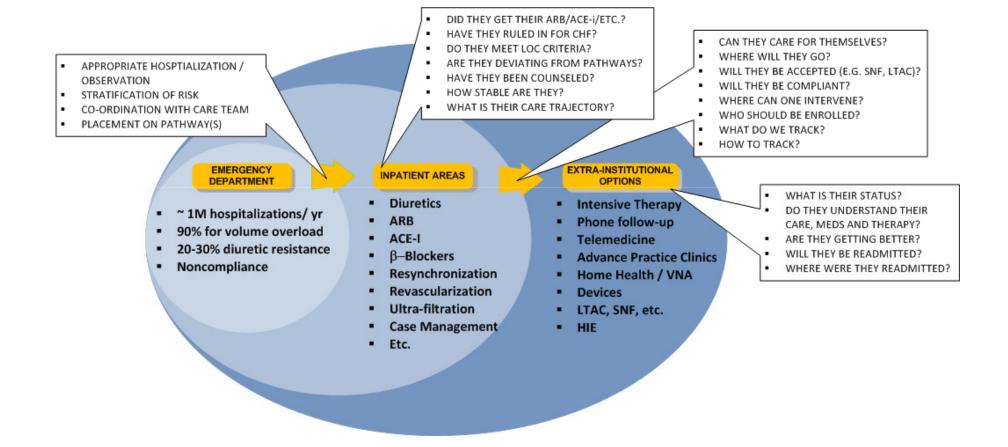
#### (not exhaustive!)



Int J Cardiol. 2008 Apr 10;125(2):220-31. Epub 2007 Jul 26. High impact of depression in heart failure: Early diagnosis and treatment options

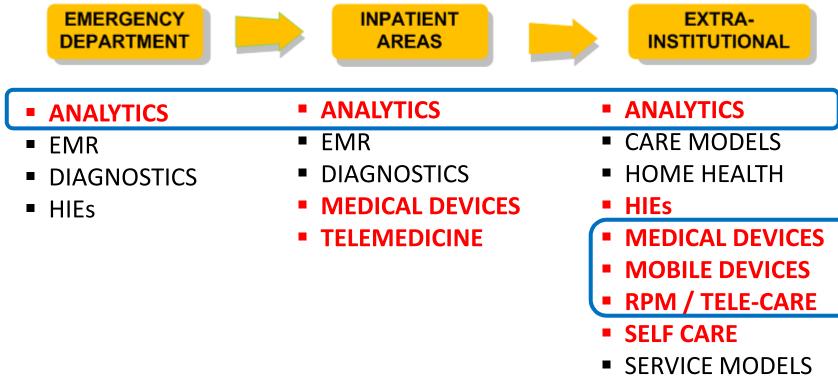
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# **Complex process of care (e.g. case of CHF)**



**Case Study: Admitting Diagnosis** 

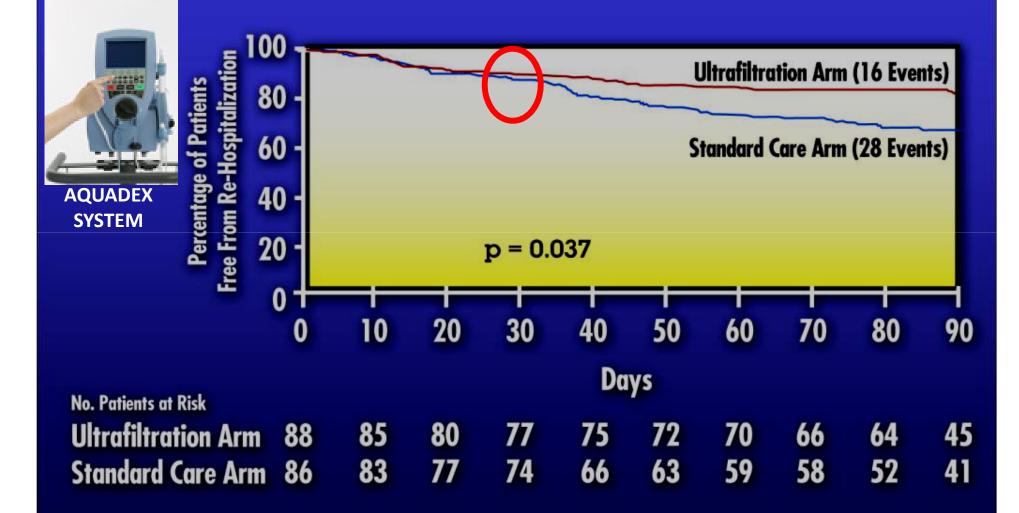
# Readmissions, Care Setting, and the Role of Technology



SOCIAL MEDIA

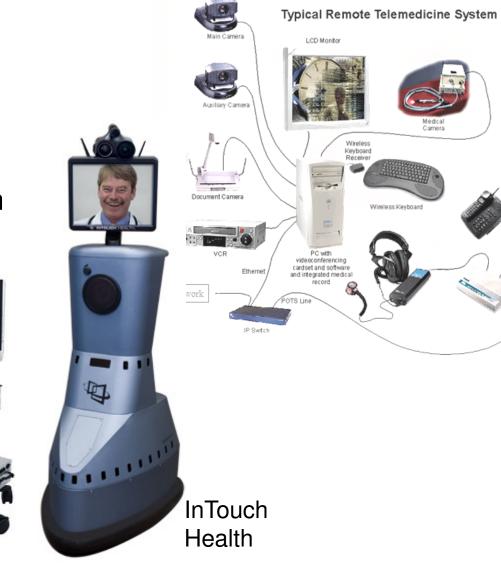


### **The Role of Medical Devices**



### **Technology: Remote Care Today**

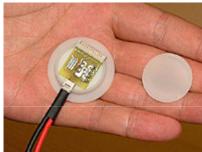
Remote, but tethered
Extension of sight & sound
All care at the device
Challenging workflow
Limited "presence"
Low knowledge mobilization
No analytics
No context sensitivity
Scaling problems



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### **Emerging Technology: Devices + Mobility**



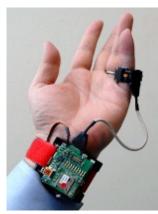
Triage Wireless (Sotera now).





Philometron "smart patch" (Source: MIT Technology Review)

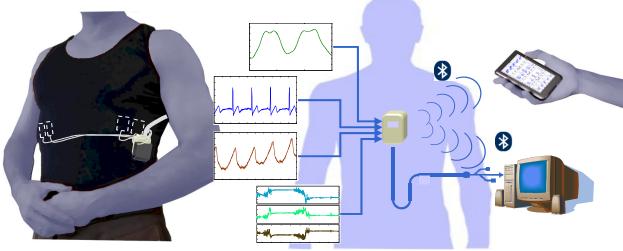
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Cuff-less, Continuous **BP** monitor Dr. Harry Asada, MIT

activity level apnea balance blood pressure (continuous) blood pressure (noninvasive) caloric intake communication FEV1 /spirometry fluid status glucose & HbA1C heart sounds location medication compliance metabolism oximetry pollen respiratory rate sleep phases sleep quality vital signs

### **More Remote Care**



**VG-Bioinformatics** 



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CardioNET, Inc.

# **Serious Games for Health Behavior**

### Brain Health, Education, Quality, Wii-hab



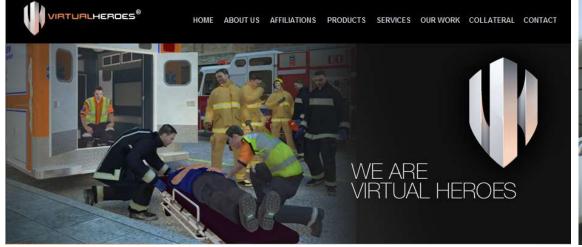
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#### Happy Neuron, for Humana

- Gaming & Simulation can effectively teach & bring people together
- Peer pressure can be a strong motivator for behavior & change
- Games can scale to societal levels
- Games can be combined with real life, devices, and knowledge.
- Games can raise self efficacy

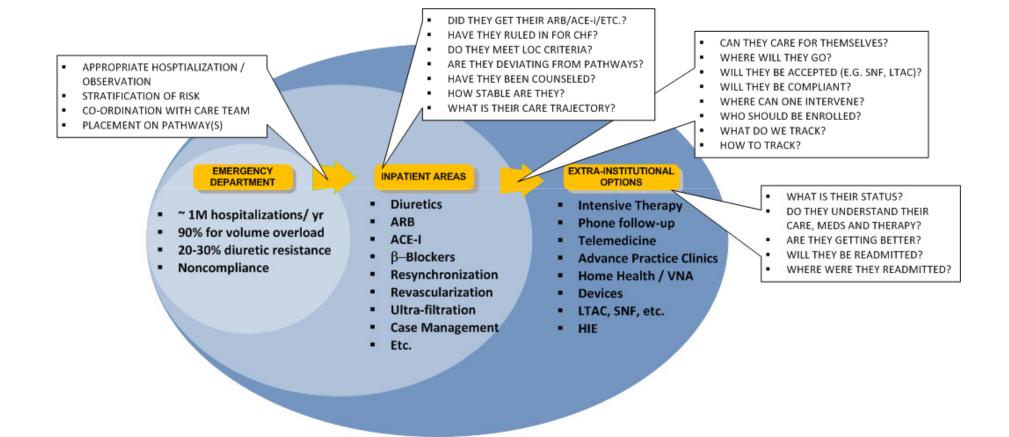
Gamercise





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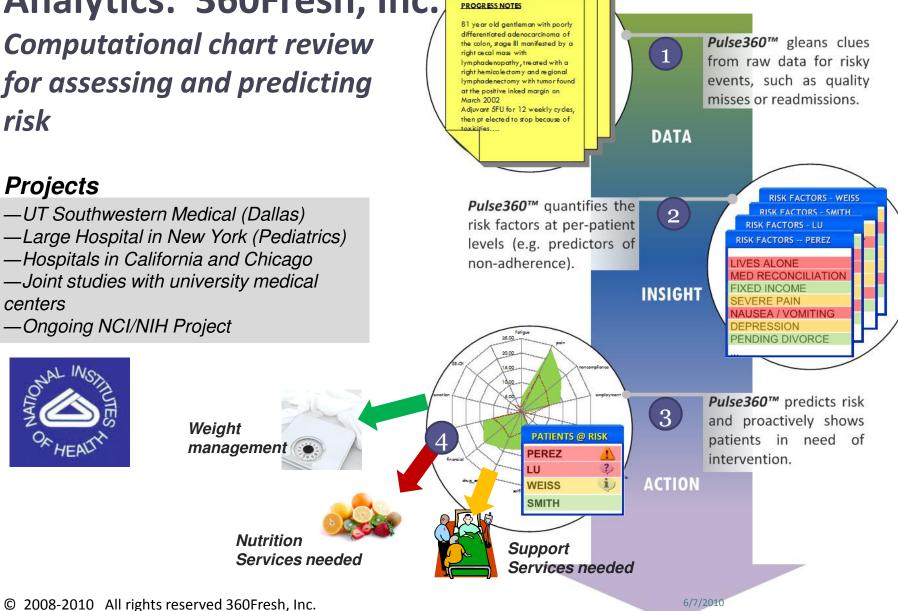
### **Readmissions: The problem of Data**



#### **CHART REVIEW REQUIRED**

# Analytics: 360Fresh, Inc.

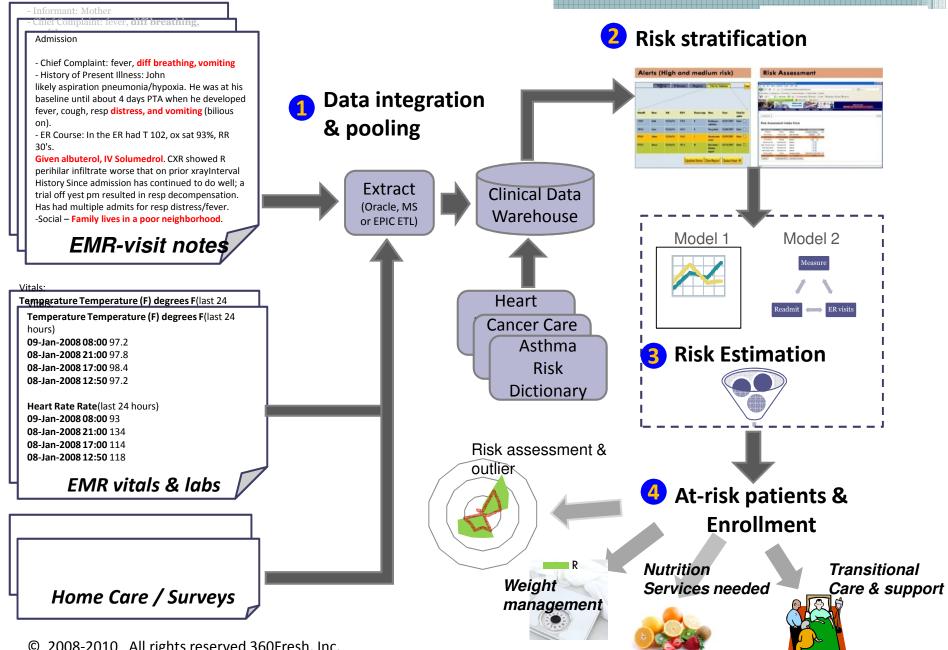
Computational chart review for assessing and predicting risk



MEDICATIONS

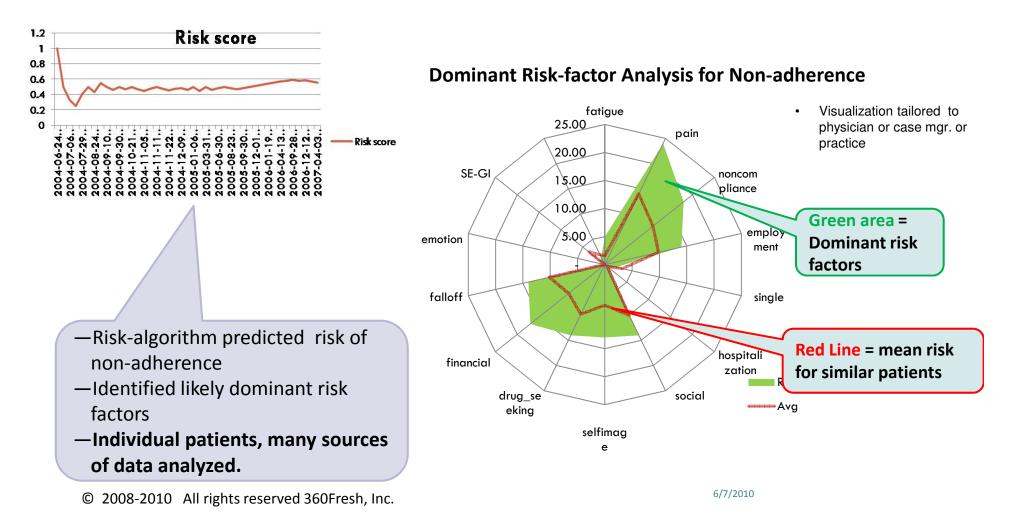
LABS

### **Case study: Asthma readmission**



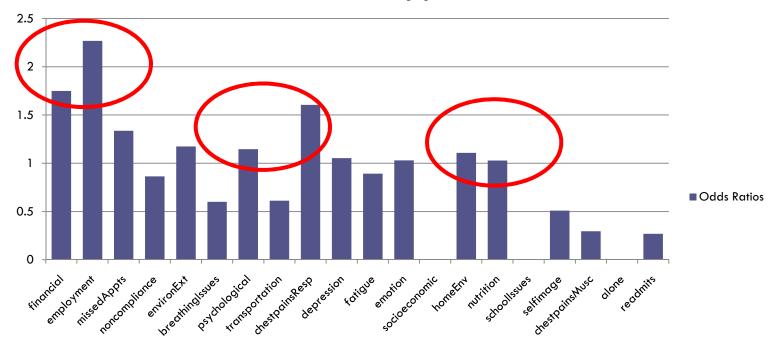
### Case study: 360Fresh identified Cancer patients at risk of nonadherence prior to each visit

#### **Risk estimation over multiple visits**



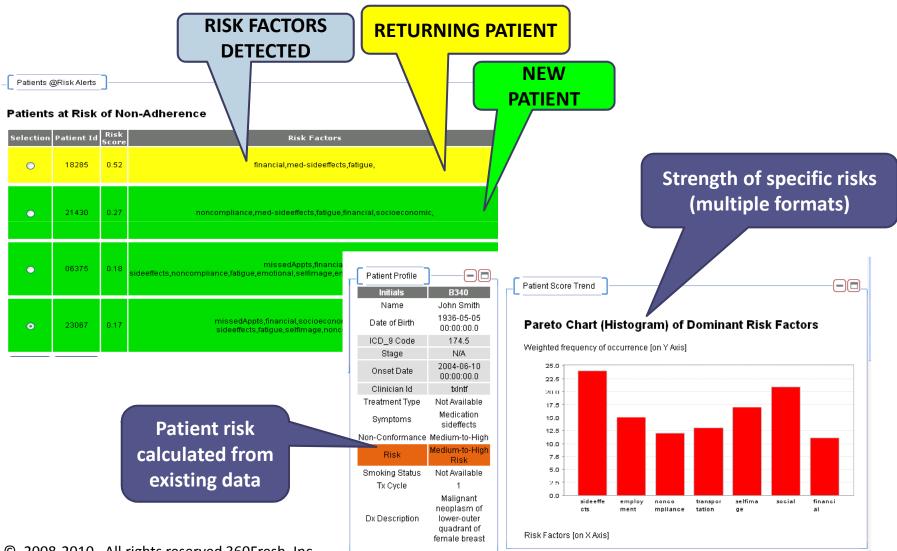
# Case Study: Risk Factors and likely predictors of Readmission

**Odds and likely predictors** 



Outcome predictors: social, financial and living conditions

### What case managers see



### **Services & the Business of Health Care**

- Measurement (QI)
- Publicity (QR)  $\rightarrow$  Brand
- Value-based payment  $\rightarrow$  CMS
- New Business Relationships
- & Models
  - Warranties, Telecare, ACOs, gainsharing

# **ANALYTICS = New Basis of**

**Competition & Operation** 

#### Geisinger Medical Center: Where a Warranty on Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery Signals a Commitment to Excellence

This story originally appeared in IHI's 2008 Annual Progress Report.

John Podgursky, 62, did not know there was a warranty on the bypass surgery he had in the summer of 2007 at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. But even if he had, he would not have needed it. His surgery and recovery went just fine.

It all started when he was mowing his lawn in Elysburg, Pennsylvania, a quiet community about an hour southwest of Scranton, in the heart of the anthracite coal region. Semi-retired from a lifelong career in the Bureau of Mines, Podgursky says he felt some tightness in his chest. He felt it off and on for the next few days.

A series of examinations and tests revealed that Podgursky needed triple bypass surgery. "One artery was 100 percent blocked, and two others were pretty blocked up as well," he recalls. The surgery was booked for the very next day.

Podgursky was twice lucky. First, to get on the surgical schedule so quickly, and second to be at Geisinger, where the warranty itself is far less important than what it symbolizes.

the terms of the warranty, which Geisinger calls ProvenCare<sup>SM</sup>, Geisinger charges insurers a flat fee for a bypass that includes 90 days of routine follow-up care. If a patient suffers complications, Geisinger pays for the treatment at its facilities. Id about our values," nt, Division of Clinical Ne have identified 40 s surgery, and it is our nd every time." Under

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#### "New" tools and methods for influencing behavior

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INTER-FRIENDLY FORMAT

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Warning: Habits May Be Good for You

By CHARLES DUHIGG

A FEW years ago, a self-described "militant liberal" named Val Curtis decided that it was time to save millions of children from death and disease. So Dr. Curtis, an anthropologist then living in the African nation of Burkina Faso, contacted some of the largest multinational corporations and asked them, in effect, to teach her how to manipulate

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about half those deaths could be prevented with the regular use of soap, studies indicate.

But getting people into a soap habit, it turns out, is surprisingly hard.

To overcome this hurdle, Dr. Curtis called on three top consumer goods companies to find out how to sell hand-washing the same way they sell Speed Stick deodorant and Pringles potato chips.

She knew that over the past decade, many companies had perfected the art of creating automatic behaviors — habits — among consumers. These habits have helped companies earn billions of dollars when customers eat snacks, apply lotions and wipe counters almost without thinking, often in response to a carefully designed set of daily cues.

"There are fundamental public health problems, like hand washing with soap, that remain killers only because we can't figure out how to change people's habits," Dr. Curtis said. "We wanted to learn from private industry how to create new behaviors that happen automatically."

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Use marketing and knowledge mobilization tools and methods to improve health literacy, selfefficacy, prevention.

Haskell WL, et al. *Circulation* 89:975-990, 1994

Advertising techniques for patient safety, quality of care, adverse events, infection control, etc.

Maibach et al Prev Chronic Dis 2006 Jul