# Examining companion Robot

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#### Introduction

介護口ボット展示会 見て・さわって・知る! 介護ロボットの今!!

介護ロボットは、介護スタッフや介護を行う家族の方

介護負担を軽減する効果が見込めるため、ずいぶんむ

しかし、「導入コストの高さ」や「ロボットから後を

させられる冷たいイメージ」が指摘され、なかなか身近 なものになっていません。

さこで私たちはこう考えることにしました。

①本人の自立機能の維持改善を促すができる

②介護者の介護負担の軽減することができる

③コミュニケーションや見守りをサポートすることができる

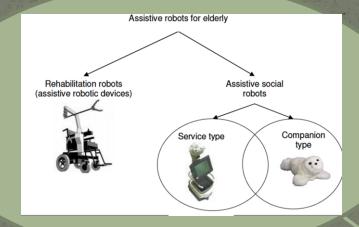
そんなことが可能な先進の福祉用具であると。

今回は、現在製品となっている用具を実際に見て、さわ

って知ってもらうための展示会です。

ゆくゆくは介護の現場にロボットが登場する日もそう遠 くないかもしれません。

Scope



Evaluating benefits



Identifying potential technological development

## Challenges with older age

Proprioception,
Force, Temperature,
Haptic

Reduction of
Cognitive Function

Actuation

Sarcopina, muscle mass reduction and strength reduction

- Danger of fall
- > Increase asymmetry of the gait parameters
- ➤ Resulting in higher metabolic energy consumption

## Paro: Multi-sensory robot

- Multi-sensory behavioral therapy (MSBT)
- Stimulation of:
- Visual
- Auditory (hearing)
- Olfactory (smell)
- Tactile (touch)



## Response Evaluation

Table 5. Requirements for caregivers with and without experience with Paro

Requirements	Exp	Not	Total
1. Soft pettable für	2/-	11/1	13/1
2. Appropriate responses/sounds	4/1	8/7	12/8
3. Looks like a real life pet	5/1	4/1	9/2
4. Mechanical parts are noiseless	-/-	7/2	7/2
5. Young or innocent looking.	4/-	3/1	7/1
6. Nice/not scary	1/-	6/1	7/1
7. Huggable (right size cuddle with)	-/-	6/-	6/-
8. Realistic movements (fluent/natural)	1/-	4/2	5/2
9. Adaptable (shut functions on/off)	1/-	2/2	3/2
10. Autonomous system	-/1	3/-	3/1
11. Mobile (easy to take with you)	2/-	2/-	4/-
12. Can withstand rough handling, solid	1/-	2/-	3/-
13. Easy to use	2/-	3/-	5/-
14. Variety of behaviors and sounds	2/1	1/-	3/1
15. Fur is detachable (to be washed)	1/-	2/-	3/-
16. Cartoonish appearance	-/-	1/-	1/-
17. Flashy/draws attention	-/-	1/1	1/1

Table 8. Patient responses to the robotic pets

	Total	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
cat	49	3	5	4,18	,751
sea1	46	3	5	4,45	,688
pleo	39	2	4	3,00	,775
bear	33	3	5	3,82	,751

## What sensory are missing

- Intelligent Interaction
- Adaptive Interchangeable Dialogue between Patient and Robotic Companion



#### Impact

- Knowledge advancement to disseminate to Engineering, Medical, Psychological and Gerontological fields
- Practice Policy Recommendations
- Community Impact: Public Engagement

## Partnership with different sector

- Older adult Care Settings (daily, monthly, permanent)
- Technological Companies
- Governmental and NGOs

#### Next step?

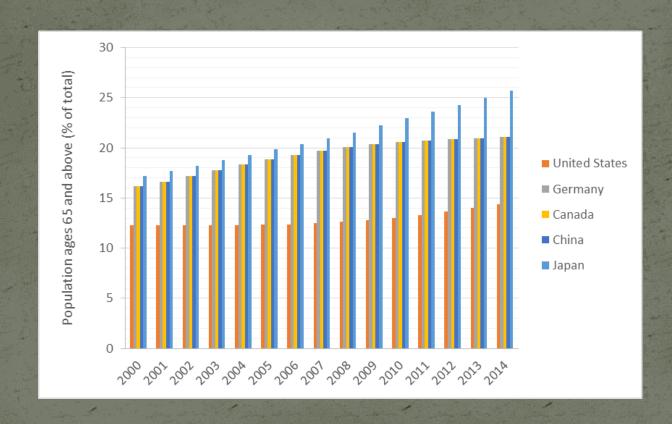
- Literature Review
- Identify clear questions
- Narrow down questions
- Gap identification

### Questions?

• Thank you for attention!



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