

SUMMER SCHOOL:

LA INNOVACIÓN TECNOLÓGICA COMO INSTRUMENTO FACILITADOR DE LOS CUIDADOS SOCIOSANITARIOS

PILDORA 4: *Biblioteca de métricas de evaluación, ¿cómo aplicarlas?*

EVALUATION METRICS LIBRARY

MEASURING THE IMPACT OF
INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY-
BASED-ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES
(ICT-BASED-AT)



ICT-BASED-AT IN AN AGEING SOCIETY



- EMERGENCE AND INCREASING NUMBER OF ICT-BASED ASSISTIVE PRODUCTS AND RELATED SERVICES

- DIGITAL ABILITIES
- SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRODUCT
- (...)

COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND MATCH BETWEEN USERS AND ICT-BASED AT

WHAT'S THE EVIDENCE?

- LOW QUALITY OF STUDIES EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ICT-BASED-AT
 - FEW RCT
 - SMALL SAMPLE SIZE
 - ABSENCE OF SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC DATA
- NEED TO SYSTEMATIZE THE EXISTING EVIDENCE ON METHODS USED TO EVALUATE ICT-BASED-AT SUPPORTING AGING IN PLACE



WHAT TO CONSIDER?

Targets

TECHNICAL FEATURES,
USABILITY AND USER
EXPERIENCE
&
SURROUNDING
FACTORS...

- PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- QUALITY OF LIFE
- ETHICS
- FAMILY WORKLOAD
- SOCIAL IMPACT
- (...)



Potential barriers

- DIGITAL LITERARY AND SELF-EFFICACY
- PHYSICAL AND SENSORY LIMITATIONS
- ATTITUDES AND BELIEFS
- COST AND AFFORDABILITY
- DESIGN AND USABILITY
- PRIVACY AND SECURITY
- SELF-IMAGE AND SELF-PERCEPTION OF HEALTH



Challenges

1 **TAILORED TO SPECIFIC POPULATIONS AND SETTINGS**

which can limit the generalizability of findings

2 **SENSITIVITY OF THE INSTRUMENTS**

used to collect data

3 **ETHICAL CHALLENGES**

in randomizing and ethical approval of studies



Challenges

4 **ICT-BASED-AT ARE OFTEN DESIGNED FOR LONG-TERM USE**

and their impact may unfold over time

5 **BLINDING OF PARTICIPANTS**

is usually not possible

6 **DEFINING APPROPRIATE OUTCOME MEASURES**

that capture the impact of ICT-based-AT

7 **REAL-WORLD IMPLEMENTATION**

ICT-based-AT are often embedded in participants' homes





EML GOALS

SYSTEMATIZE A RELIABLE AND DIVERSE SET OF METRICS TO COMPREHENSIVELY CAPTURE THE VARIOUS DIMENSIONS OF IMPACT

- Facilitating consistency
- Enabling comprehensive assessments
- Supporting research and collaboration
- Driving improvement and innovation in ICT-based-AT for older adults and people with disabilities

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**DATABASE
RESEARCH**

SCOPING REVIEW

**303 records met the
inclusion criteria
&
26 articles included**

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REVIEW OF DOCUMENTATION FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

*WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION & UNITED
NATION*

**Conceptual definitions
of terms
&
Dimensions such as
quality of life, physical
health and autonomy
&
Information about
process indicators**

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CONSULTATION WITH EXPERTS

FOUR EXPERTS IN THE FIELD FROM
PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

*"end-users' perceptions
about the impact, gains
and changes promoted
by the ICT-based-AT is
key for the evaluation"*

&

**Other considerations
such as mixed-methods
approach**

RESULTS

END-USERS

*Quality of life
Life satisfaction
Functional status
Physical health
Mental health
General health
Cognitive status
Social connectedness/ participation
Adverse health events
Autonomy*

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INFORMAL CAREGIVERS

*Quality of life
Burden/stress level
Caregiving demands and
time for selfcare
Perception of the ICT-
based-AT impact in the
end-user*

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SOCIAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

*Perception of the ICT-based-AT
impact in the end-user*

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RESULTS

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INSTRUMENTS

WHOQOL-Brief
Satisfaction with Life Scale (SWLS)
Barthel Index
Grip Strength
Geriatric Depression Scale 15-item (GDS)
EuroQoL
Mini-Cog Instrument
UCLA Loneliness Scale 3-item
Adverse events and medication
Autonomy-Connectedness Scale (ACS-30)

RESULTS

INFORMAL CAREGIVERS

INSTRUMENTS

Quality of life

WHOQOL-Brief

Burden/stress level

Zarit Burden Interview Assessment Tool (ZBI)

*Caregiving demands and
time for selfcare*

*Caregiving workload and Subjective perception of
time available for self-care*

*Perception of the ICT-
based-AT impact in the
end-user*

*Caregiver Assistive Technology Outcome Measure
(CATOM)*

RESULTS

SOCIAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

*Perception of the ICT-based-AT
impact in the end-user*

INSTRUMENTS

*Needs satisfaction, Subjective
impact and Benefits and
disadvantages*

GRIP STRENGTH TEST

American Society of Hand Therapists testing protocol

Table III. Strength of the dominant hand by gender and age, measured with a Jamar dynamometer

| Age group (years) | Grip strength (kg) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| | Mean ± SD | Maximum ± SD | P5 | P10 | P25 | P50 | P75 | P90 | P95 |
| Men | | | | | | | | | |
| Total n = 364 | 45.7 ± 9.9 | 47.8 ± 10.3 | 30 | 34 | 40 | 48 | 54 | 62 | 64.8 |
| Under 45 years n = 125 | 47.2 ± 10 | 49.5 ± 10.4 | 32.6 | 37.6 | 42 | 48 | 57.5 | 64 | 64.7 |
| From 45 to 60 years n = 164 | 47.2 ± 9.2 | 49.5 ± 9.5 | 34.5 | 37.5 | 44 | 50 | 55.8 | 62 | 66 |
| Over 60 years n = 71 | 39.5 ± 9.3 | 40.9 ± 9.6 | 26.6 | 29.2 | 34 | 40 | 47 | 54 | 58.2 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | |
| Total n = 453 | 24.2 ± 6.2 | 26 ± 6.3 | 16 | 18 | 22 | 26 | 30 | 34 | 36 |
| Under 45 years n = 175 | 24.7 ± 5.4 | 26.4 ± 5.4 | 18 | 20 | 23 | 26 | 30 | 33.4 | 36.4 |
| From 45 to 60 years n = 216 | 24.7 ± 6.6 | 26.4 ± 6.7 | 15 | 18 | 22 | 26 | 30 | 34 | 38 |
| Over 60 years n = 58 | 21.3 ± 6.4 | 22.5 ± 6.7 | 12.8 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 31.1 | 34 |

SD: standard deviation.

Table 2 Values of handgrip strength of Portuguese older women and men, stratified by age and height

| Age range (years) | Height range (cm) | n (%) | Handgrip strength (Kgf) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | mean (SD) | 85% of mean | min-max | P10 | P15 | P25 | P50 | P75 | P85 | P90 |
| Women, n = 868 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [65-75[| <148 | 97 (11.2) | 18.7 (4.6) | 15.9 | 7.9-30.1 | 12.6 | 14.1 | 16.3 | 18.1 | 21.9 | 22.9 | 25.1 |
| | [148-153[| 154 (17.7) | 19.8 (5.5) | 16.8 | 3.8-32.9 | 12.5 | 14.3 | 16.9 | 20.5 | 23.1 | 24.6 | 25.9 |
| | ≥153 | 172 (19.8) | 21.1 (5.5) | 17.9 | 9.6-35.5 | 14.3 | 15.2 | 17.0 | 21.0 | 25.4 | 27.0 | 28.3 |
| [75-85[| <148 | 122 (14.1) | 15.3 (4.1) | 13.0 | 4.8-25.8 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 12.7 | 15.1 | 17.9 | 19.8 | 20.7 |
| | [148-153[| 109 (12.5) | 16.8 (4.7) | 14.3 | 4.3-28.2 | 9.9 | 12.1 | 14.3 | 16.5 | 19.9 | 22.1 | 22.9 |
| | ≥153 | 97 (11.2) | 17.9 (4.7) | 15.2 | 6.3-30.7 | 11.8 | 12.8 | 15.5 | 17.6 | 21.6 | 23.0 | 23.7 |
| ≥85 | <148 | 70 (8.1) | 13.4 (3.8) | 11.4 | 6.0-24.3 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 13.3 | 15.9 | 17.5 | 18.3 |
| | [148-153[| 28 (3.2) | 14.8 (3.7) | 12.6 | 6.7-21.1 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 11.1 | 15.1 | 17.7 | 19.1 | 19.5 |
| | ≥153 | 19 (2.2) | 16.9 (3.9) | 14.4 | 9.1-22.8 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 14.4 | 18.0 | 19.4 | 22.1 | 22.7 |
| Men, n = 628 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| [65-75[| <161 | 92 (14.6) | 28.6 (7.9) | 24.3 | 9.6-48.0 | 16.9 | 18.8 | 23.7 | 29.3 | 34.5 | 35.1 | 38.2 |
| | [161-167[| 118 (18.8) | 32.6 (8.4) | 27.7 | 11.2-51.4 | 20.5 | 23.8 | 26.3 | 32.8 | 38.9 | 41.8 | 43.8 |
| | ≥167 | 144 (22.9) | 36.9 (9.2) | 31.4 | 9.4-58.9 | 23.9 | 27.3 | 31.1 | 38.5 | 43.9 | 45.8 | 47.3 |
| [75-85[| <161 | 86 (13.7) | 25.5 (7.7) | 21.7 | 2.3-41.5 | 16.3 | 17.4 | 20.8 | 25.9 | 30.1 | 33.6 | 34.9 |
| | [161-167[| 77 (12.3) | 27.5 (6.8) | 23.4 | 5.2-46.4 | 19.4 | 20.4 | 23.6 | 27.4 | 32.1 | 34.0 | 35.2 |
| | ≥167 | 55 (8.8) | 30.4 (6.4) | 25.8 | 13.7-43.0 | 23.0 | 24.7 | 25.6 | 30.9 | 34.2 | 38.8 | 40.2 |
| ≥85 | <161 | 29 (4.6) | 19.1 (4.6) | 16.2 | 6.2-30.6 | 13.5 | 14.5 | 17.4 | 19.1 | 21.5 | 22.6 | 25.2 |
| | [161-167[| 16 (2.5) | 23.9 (6.2) | 20.3 | 12.9-36.5 | 14.7 | 16.3 | 19.8 | 24.5 | 27.4 | 30.3 | 34.5 |
| | ≥167 | 11 (1.8) | 29.2 (9.0) | 24.8 | 21.2-46.0 | 21.2 | 21.3 | 21.3 | 26.1 | 32.8 | 45.8 | 45.9 |

Abbreviations: n number of subjects, P percentile, SD standard deviation



RECOMMENDATIONS

DIVERSE METRICS AND INDICATORS

To consider the type of ICT-based assistive product and service and select the metrics that seem more appropriate and relevant for the evaluation



SENSITIVE TO SMALL CHANGES

Detect small changes over the time - evaluate small improvements or changes in physical, cognitive or functional abilities



RECOMMENDATIONS

USABILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY

A period of familiarisation with the technology should be considered, and the actual duration may vary depending on several factors



SAFETY, PRIVACY, ETHICS

The assessment should incorporate security and privacy protection measures, as it necessarily implies guaranteeing the well-being and dignity of the elderly and persons with disabilities throughout the process



RECOMMENDATIONS

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Passive assessment methods - e.g. frequency, usage patterns, time and number of errors)

Active methods - e.g. filling in a questionnaire

Mixed evaluation methods - Combination of quantitative and qualitative methods



LONG-TERM ASSESSMENT

Analyzing the user's experience throughout their interaction with the technology, taking into account the characteristics of the individuals being assessed



RECOMMENDATIONS

STRUCTURING ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS

- *Evaluation setting*
- *The inclusion of control groups*
- *Blinding of evaluators*
- *Timing of evaluations*



FINAL REMARKS

- **TRIANGULATION OF METHODS**
- **DYNAMIC DOCUMENT**
- **COMPREHENSIVE AND INCLUSIVE APPROACH**
- **PRACTICAL GUIDANCE**

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