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Unobtrusive Nighttime Movement Monitoring to Support Nursing Home Continence Care

by Using Accelerometer Sensors and an XGBoost algorithm

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Incontinence in a nursing home

77%

Incontinent residents

39%

Continence decline after 2 years



of Life

Impact Quality

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High cost & Only for containment products



Monitoring to support NH continence care









Unobtrusive monitoring of agitation at night





Indirect measurement (voiding events)



Nighttime movement monitoring

sensor dots

Care bed with



Enter bed & lie on back 60 sec Turn on left side 2 Byteflies accelerometer 30 sec Turn on back 30 sec viscoelastic mattress 6 participants (adults) 30 sec 7 step **protocol** (x5) Turn on back 60 sec **W** Byteflies Leave bed 60 sec



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Extreme gradient boosting (XGBoost) machine learning algorithm for a limited data set

Leave one subject out cross-validation (LOSOCV) for training and evaluation with 6 iterations



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Limitations and future work

Only 6 iterations (1 per participant).

• A larger sample size by including more participants

No NH residents or older adults among the participants

- Agitation based on participants' own interpretation
- Simulate nighttime movement differs from real nighttime movement

PROCON - Boosting innovation, entrepreneurship and training for PROmoting CONtinence in nursing homes

An Erasmus+ project (Project ID: 101185699) that will foster innovation in NHs, specifically in the promotion of continence in NH residents, through **cooperation and flow of knowledge** among 12 partners (mostly) located in Spain, Belgium, Finland and Canada.

WP2 Technological solution to enhance continence in NHs: **data acquisition campaign** with NH residents



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