

# *Discussant's Reactions to Speaker Presentations*

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# *Kiyak tech review*

- Add “engineers” (more than HF to the professional mix) ...
- and product designers as glue.
- Outside temp is “67.4 degrees”; and noxious reminders: these illustrate the issues of
  - active vs passive information delivery
  - how to make it context sensitive
  - how *much* information.
- Want a “right click” for living.

# *Hi tech not necessarily harder to use*

- Fancy on the inside vs. fancy on the outside
- Simple can be hard, e.g. two-button watches



## *re monitoring by Big Brother ...*

- Can be Guardian Angel
- Maybe we don't need video

## *re talking animals ...*

- Issues for people with dementia raised by life-like robot animals and disembodied prompting voices.

# *Demiris: hospice telecare*

- Issue of **integration** into current practice is **critical**, not just in this topic. Telepractice is generally (not always) a substitute; typically an adjunct to more conventional modes.
- It would be nice to get enough funding in any of our studies to use longer-term behaviors instead of questionnaires to gauge reactions and acceptance.

## *Bond: Web-based intervention*

- Again: “Merging” of new tech into established models of health service *is critical*.
- Related to defining a business model.
- For engineers, raises the issue of whether, when and how to swim against the current of clinical practice.
- Also brings up “How good is good enough?”. How do we avoid trying everything with everyone in every setting?