Summoning Help in an Emergency: Devices and Emerging Trends

Talk by Dr. Richard G. Caro



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Description

Your ability to summon help in an emergency is an important part of the safety net needed for aging in place. But what resources are available? In this talk, Dr. Richard Caro will address two important questions about medical alert technologies.

- If you need a medical alert device, how do you sift through competing claims and decide which
 product is right for you? Dr. Caro will describe a procedure to guide you to a product that is the
 best match to your specific life circumstance.
- With accelerating advances in "wearables", and "voice-enabled assistants," are there better
 options to conventional medical alert devices? Dr. Caro will provide an overview of emerging
 trends.

The material in this talk is based on extensive hands-on testing by Tech-enhanced Life and the "Longevity Explorers," a unique sharing, evaluation, and ideation community made up of older adults and their friends, families, and caregivers. The research is independent and objective, and is not directed or funded by any product vendors. Learn more: https://www.techenhancedlife.com/analysis/medical-alert-systems-help

Speaker Bio: Dr. Richard G. Caro is co-founder of Tech-enhanced Life, a Public Benefit corporation with the mission of improving the quality of life of older adults and their families. For several years now his work has focused on the intersection of aging and technology. In addition to his work with Techenhanced Life, Richard is CEO of TangibleFuture, Inc., an interventional management consultancy based in San Francisco, and is an "occasional" angel investor, with a particular focus on the intersection of healthcare, aging, and technology. Richard started his career as a researcher at Stanford University, and then spent a number of years developing novel medical products (including medical lasers for minimally invasive surgery, and ophthalmology (e.g. LASIK)). He has a D.Phil in Physics from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and has 24 patents.

