

# The Benefits of Technology in Health and Fitness

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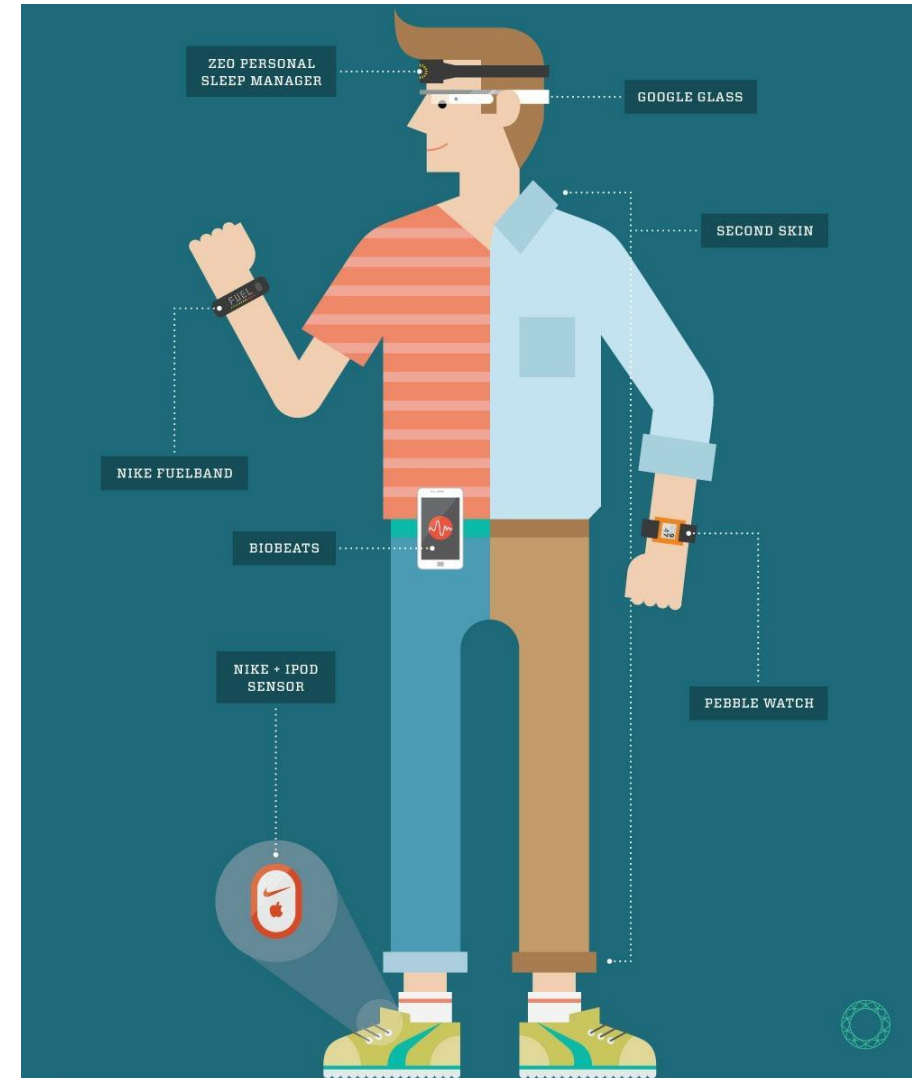
# Technology – Embrace it! (...within reason)

- Wearables
- Phone Apps
- Tele-Rehab
- Virtual Care
- HeartWise Exercise



# What is a wearable?

- **electronic technologies or computers**
  - incorporated into items of clothing and/or accessories
  - can be worn on the body
- **communication capabilities**
  - allow the wearer to access information in real time



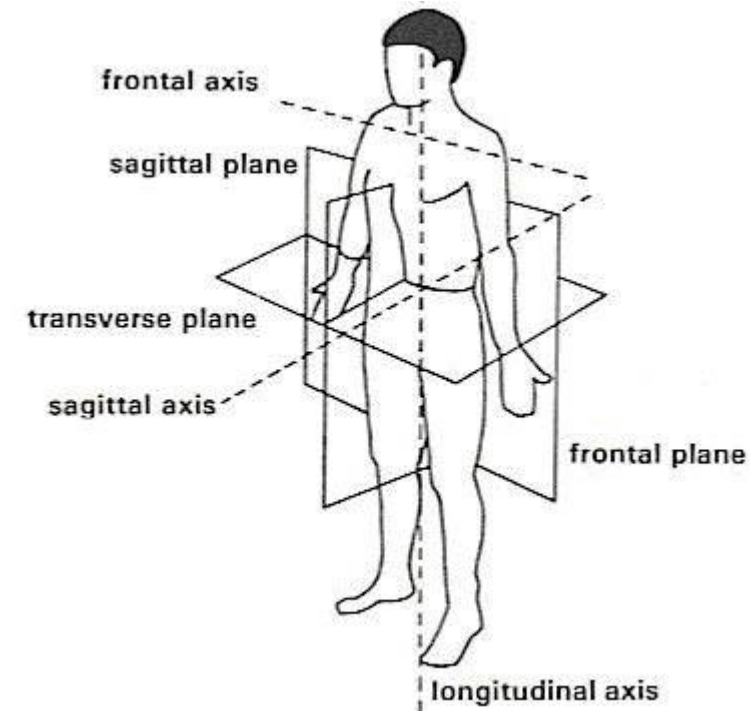
# Wearable Technology

Many options! Many features!



# Accelerometers

- measures body movements
  - in terms of acceleration
- piezoelectric sensor
  - detects acceleration
- **Uni-axial:**
  - measures acceleration about x (longitudinal) axis
- **Bi-axial:**
  - measures acceleration about x (longitudinal) and y (frontal) axes
- **Tri-axial:**
  - measures acceleration about x (longitudinal), y (frontal) and Z (sagittal) axes



# Heart Rate Monitors

- **Chest worn monitors:**
  - transmit electrical signals of the heart to a receiver in the watch
- **Wrist worn monitors:**
  - use photoplethysmography
  - measures heart rate
  - shine light onto skin
  - measure the amount of light that is scattered by blood flow



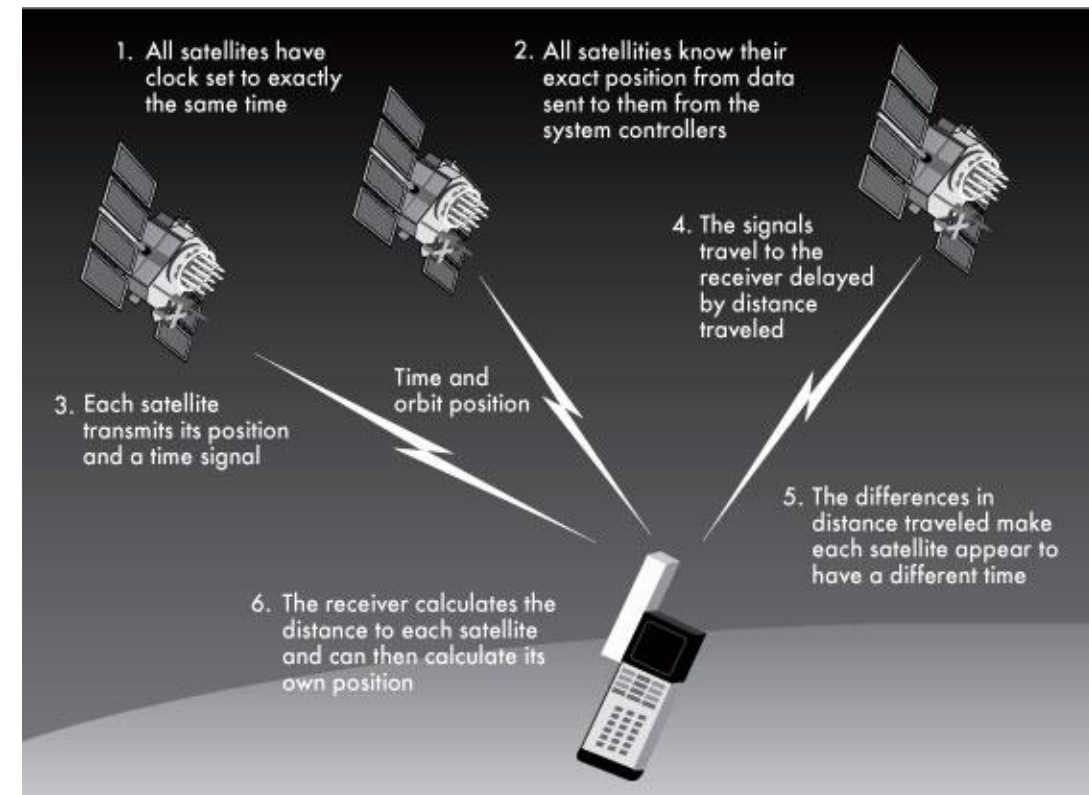
# Pedometers

- Contain a horizontal, spring suspended lever that moves up and down with each step
- Movement of lever opens and closes an electrical circuit and the accumulated step count is shown on the display
- Distance:
  - $\text{steps} \times \text{stride length}$  (walking speed, height, age, gender)



# GPS

- GPS satellites circle the earth in a very precise orbit
  - transmit signal information to earth
- GPS receivers triangulate signals received from satellites
  - calculate position and track movement





# Research: Wearables for Prescribing and Monitoring PA

- Growing area of research
- Validity and reliability studies
- Experimental studies examining effectiveness of wearables in improving physical activity levels
- Observational studies examining effectiveness of wearables in maintaining physical activity



# Accuracy of HR monitors

## Letters

### RESEARCH LETTER

#### Accuracy of Wrist-Worn Heart Rate Monitors

Wrist-worn fitness and heart rate (HR) monitors are popular.<sup>1,2</sup> While the accuracy of chest strap, electrode-based HR monitors has been confirmed,<sup>3,4</sup> the accuracy of wrist-worn, optically based HR monitors is uncertain.<sup>5,6</sup> Assessment of the monitors' accuracy is important for individuals who use them to guide their physical activity and for physicians to whom these individuals report HR readings. The objective of this study was to assess the accuracy of 4 popular wrist-worn HR monitors under conditions of varying physical exertion.

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Table. Concordance Correlation Coefficients for Each Heart Rate Monitor

Device	Agreement With Electrocardiogram
	Concordance Correlation Coefficients (95% CI)
Polar H7	.99 (.987-.991)
Apple Watch	.91 (.884-.929)
Mio Fuse	.91 (.882-.929)
Fitbit Charge HR	.84 (.791-.872)
Basis Peak	.83 (.779-.865)



# Accuracy of Step Counts

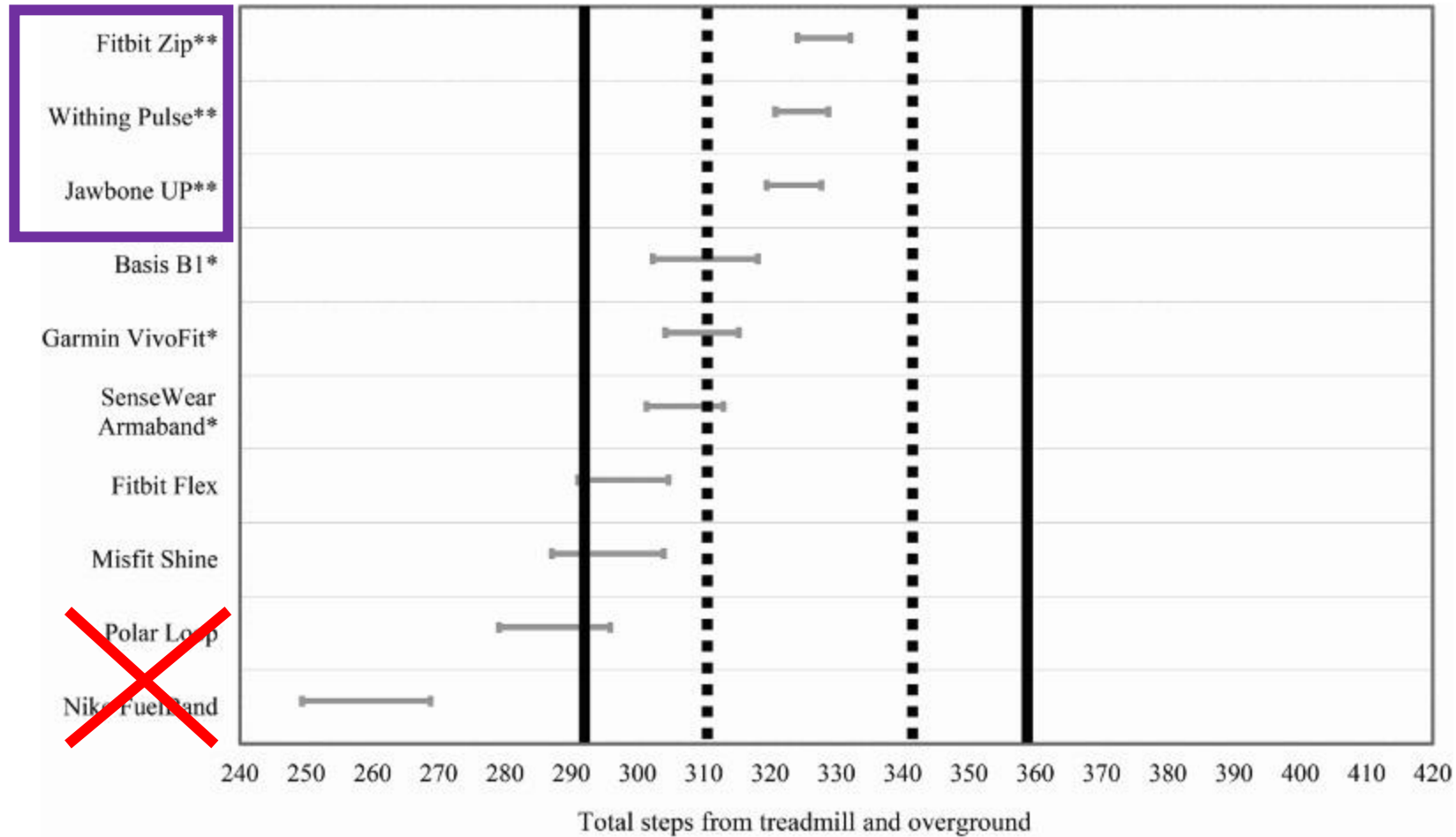




Figure 1. Equivalence testing for all monitors with total steps. \*Within the 10% equivalence zone. Dark lines indicate proposed equivalence zone ( $\pm 10\%$  of the mean). Dashed lines indicated proposed equivalence zone ( $\pm 5\%$  of the mean). Grey bars indicated the 90% confidence for a mean of the estimated step count.



Original Investigation

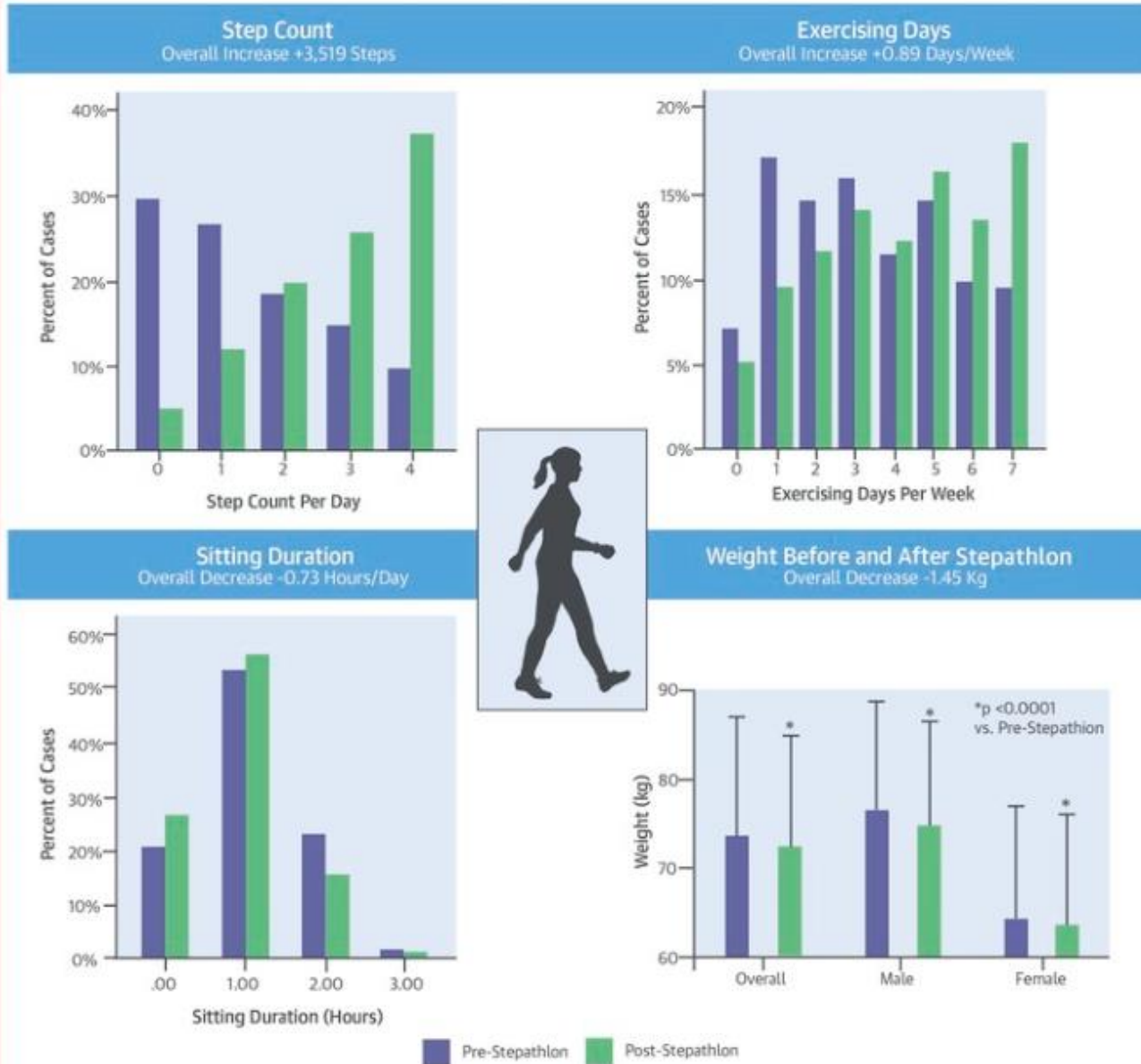
## ▶ International Mobile-Health Intervention on Physical Activity, Sitting, and Weight : The Stepathlon Cardiovascular Health Study

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**Purpose:** To investigate the feasibility and efficacy of Stepathlon, a low-cost, pedometer-based, workplace physical activity and wellness program.

**Intervention/Stepathon:** Light-weight, low-cost, non-interactive pedometers were used as a self-monitoring and motivational tool, with the aim of encouraging participants to increase step counts and physical activity.

**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Effect of an International Mobile Health Intervention on Physical Activity, Sitting, and Weight: Results of Stepathlon**





# Research

## Wearable Sensor/Device (Fitbit One) and SMS Text-Messaging Prompts to Increase Physical Activity in Overweight and Obese Adults: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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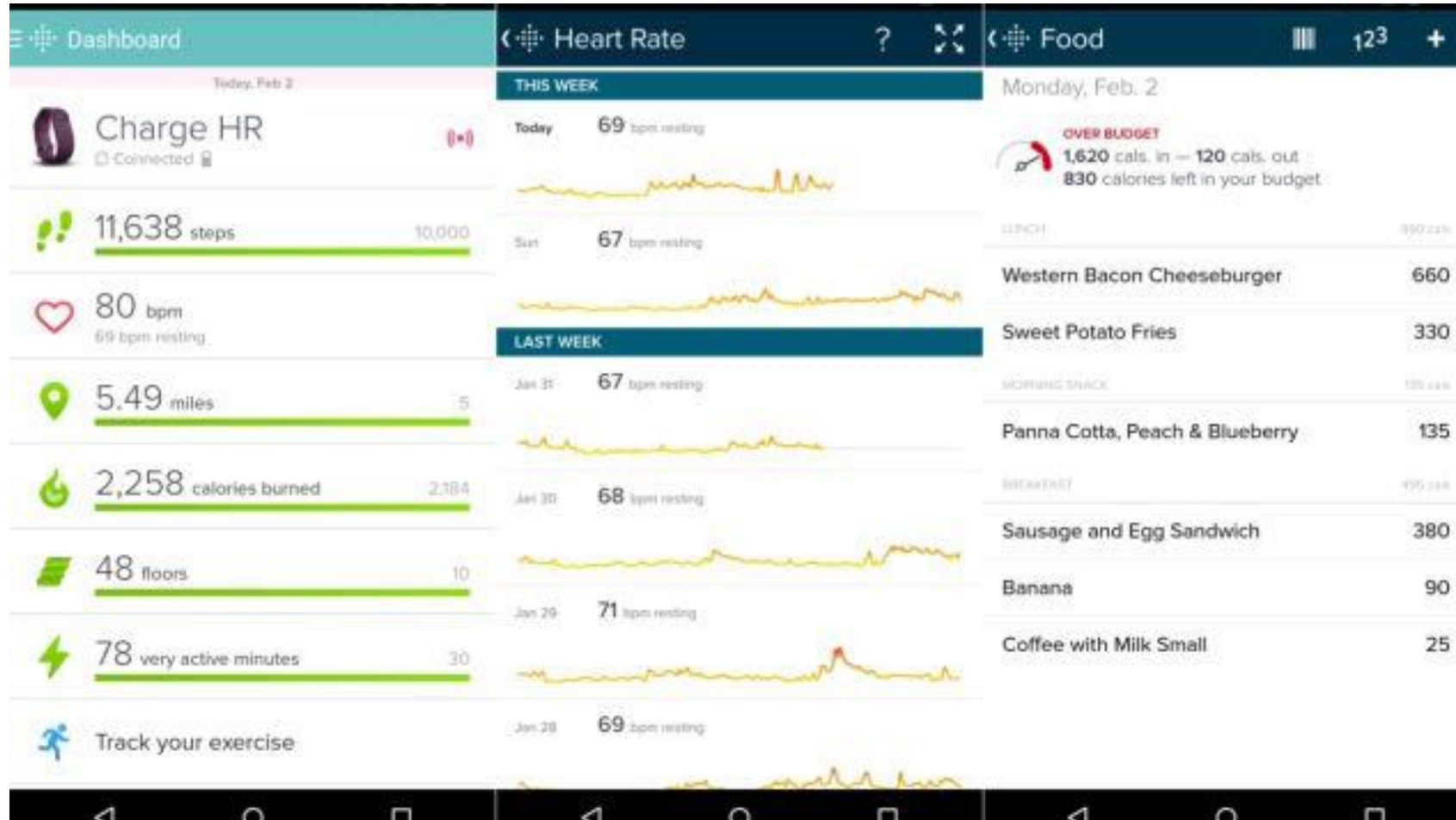
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	ACTIGRAPH GT3X+			FB		
	TEXTS + FB (INTERVENTION)	FB ONLY (COMPARISON)	<i>P</i> VALUE <sup>a</sup>	TEXTS + FB (INTERVENTION)	FB ONLY (COMPARISON)	<i>P</i> VALUE <sup>a</sup>
Change from baseline to Week 1						
Steps ( <i>n</i> /day)	—	—	—	1,266 (491)	−48 (240)	0.01 <sup>b</sup>
PA by intensity level (minutes/week)						
MVPA or FA+VA	—	—	—	17.8 (8.5)	2.3 (4.1)	<0.01 <sup>b</sup>
All intensity	—	—	—	38.3 (15.9)	−6.7 (11.7)	0.02 <sup>b</sup>
Change from baseline to Week 6						
Steps ( <i>n</i> /day)	24 (276)	−433 (222)	0.20	44 (292)	495 (257)	0.44
PA by intensity level (minutes/week)						
MVPA or FA+VA	−1.1 (2.4)	4.3 (2.0) <sup>c</sup>	0.33	−4.4 (5.0)	4.5 (5.2)	0.72
All intensity	−1.6 (4.5)	7.8 (4.2)	0.13	−16.1 (8.4)	−19.6 (12.1)	0.10

<sup>a</sup>Mixed-model repeated-measures (group by time), alpha level  $p < 0.05$ , adjusted for baseline wear time (in minutes/week).

<sup>b</sup>Between-group significance.

<sup>c</sup>Within-group significance ( $p = 0.04$ ).





# Piezo<sup>®</sup> Rx



**STEPS**  
Your Eventual Goal?  
**8,000 a day**

Check your steps throughout the day... when you can, make choices that will increase your number!

\* Averaging 8,000 steps a day? Great! Now it's time to start tracking your MVPA...



**MVPA**  
Moderate/Vigorous Time  
Your Eventual Goal?  
**150 min/wk**

Your total minutes of physical activity at a moderate intensity (or higher) for the past 7 days from today.

*Minutes of MVPA is strongly associated with your health. Learn more...*

\* Averaging 150 minutes a week? Great! Now it's time to start tracking your BOUTS...



**BOUTS**  
Your Eventual Goal?  
**3★ most days, 15★ /wk**

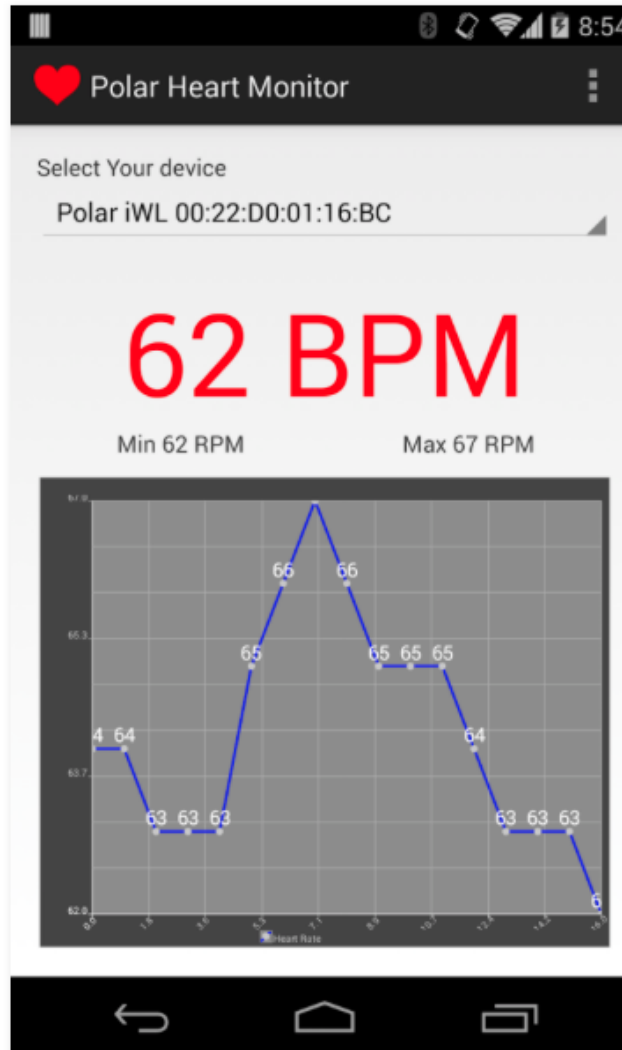
Each star represents a 10 minute BOUT of continuous activity time, at or above a moderate level (100 Steps/Minute)



Press for Next Display











# bellabeat



 Smart hardware	 14-day memory	 Motion sensor	 Secure data backup
 Inactivity alert	 High quality wooden composite	 No-charging	 Water resistant
 Smart alarm	 Wireless sync	 Smart vibrations	 Sustainable materials





# GARMIN



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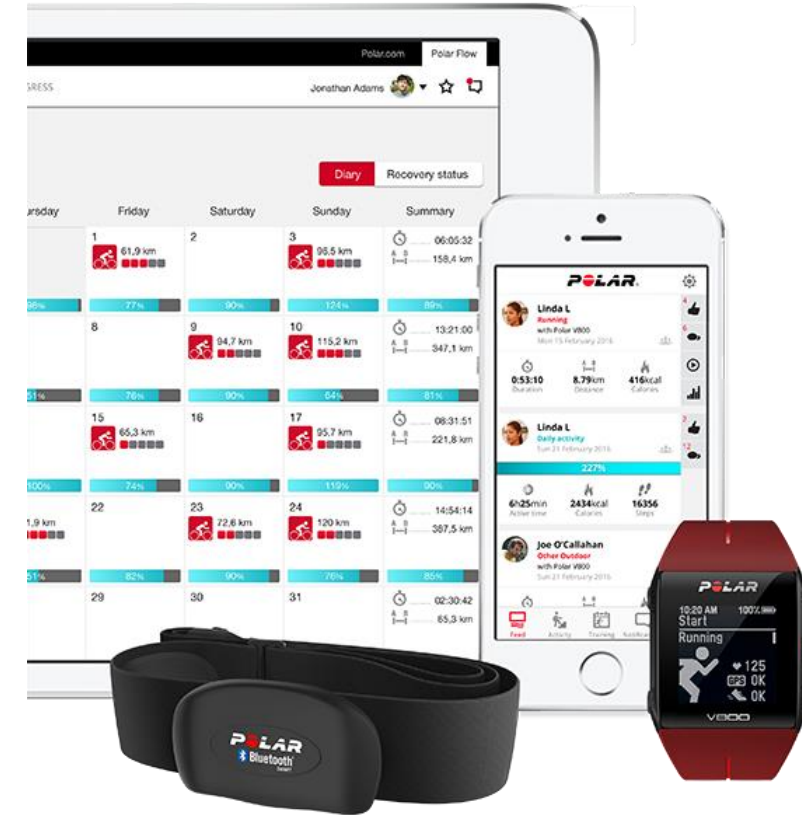
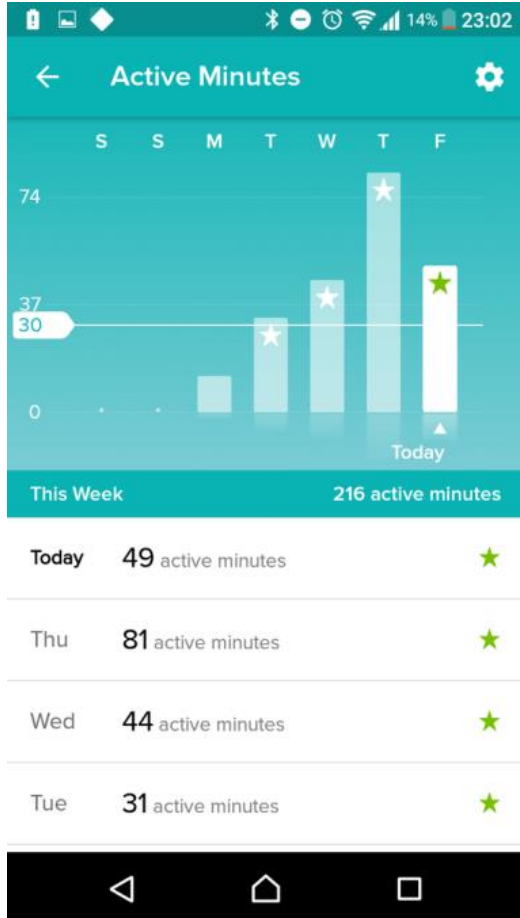


# How can we use wearables for exercise prescription?



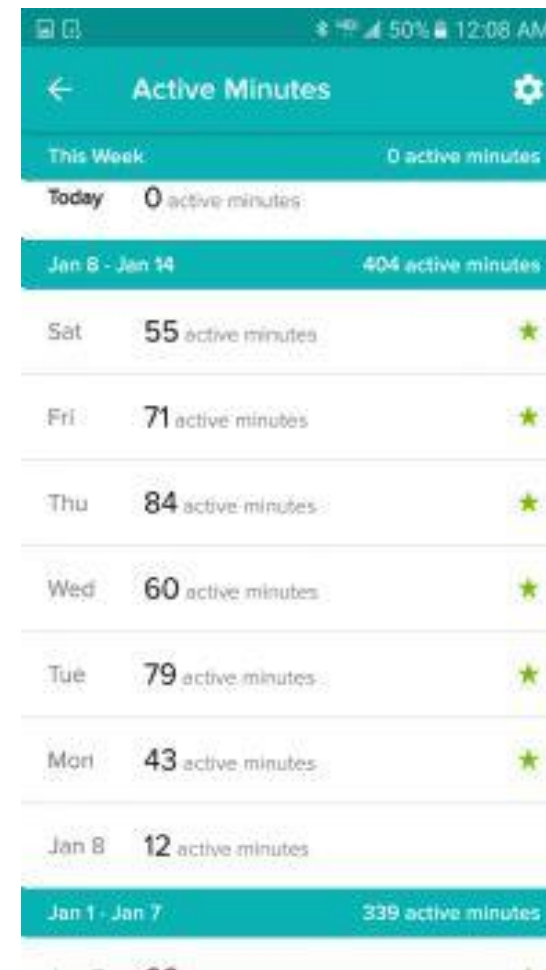
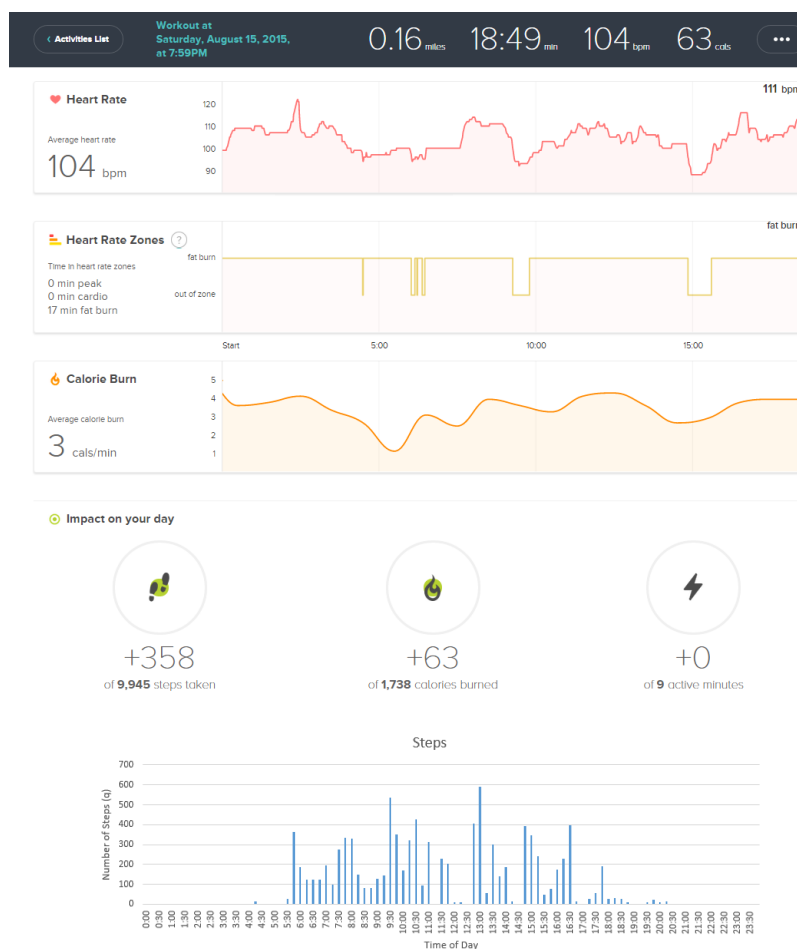
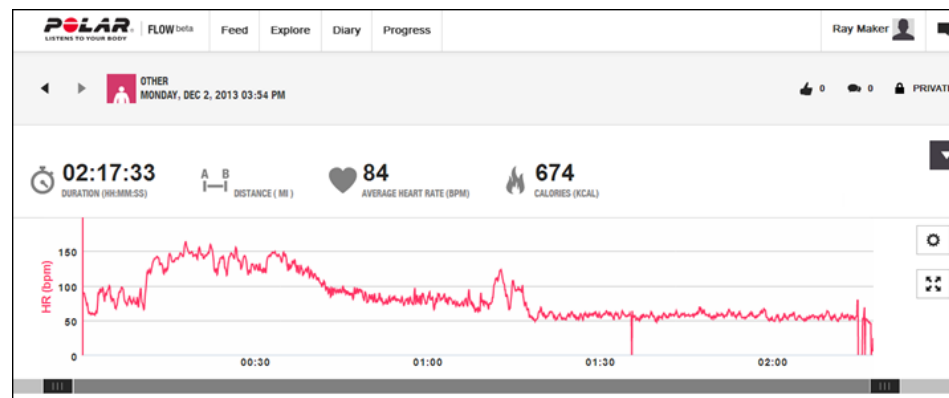
	<b>CACPR Guidelines</b>	<b>Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines</b>
<b>Frequency</b>	Most, preferably all, days of the week	Most, preferably all, days of the week
<b>Intensity</b>	Moderate-to-vigorous intensity aerobic physical activity (40-80% HRR)	Moderate-to-vigorous intensity aerobic physical activity
<b>Time</b>	20 to 40 minutes/bout	150 minutes/week in bouts of $\geq 10$ minutes
<b>Type (mode)</b>	Aerobic or resistance training activities or their combination	Aerobic or resistance training activities or their combination

# Frequency



# Intensity

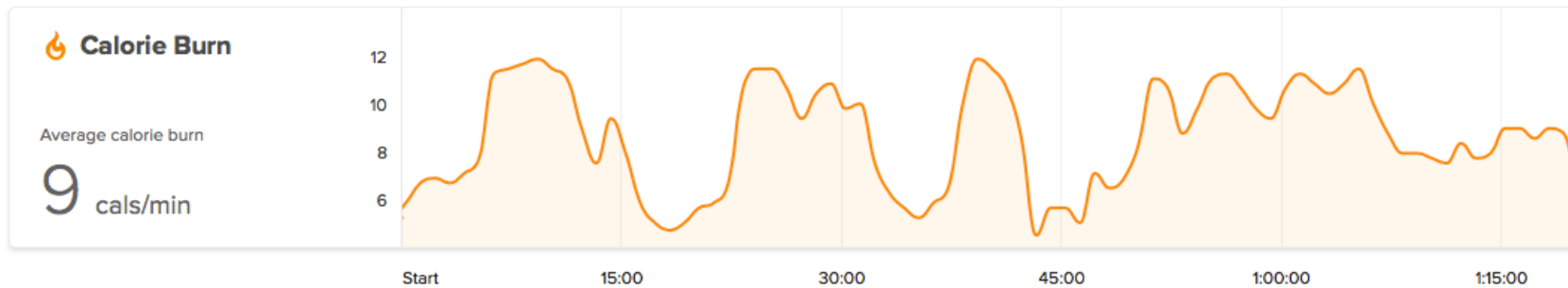
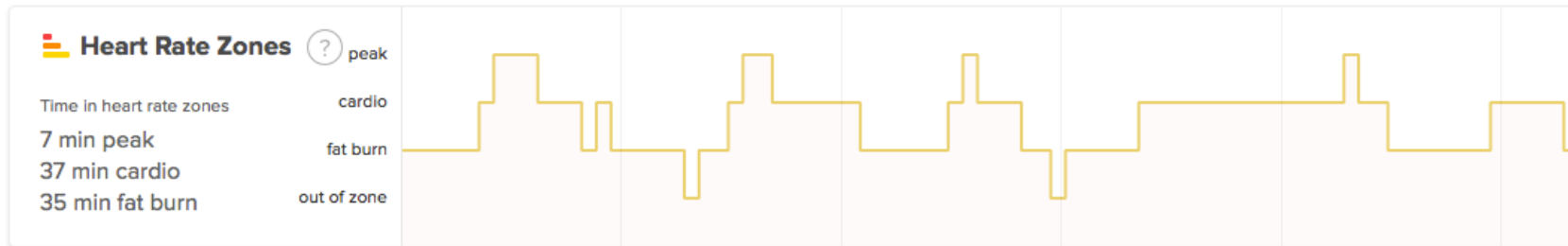
- $\geq 3$  METs
- $> 100$  steps/minute
- $\geq 40\%$   $VO_2$  reserve
- $\geq 64\%$  peak HR
- $\geq 12$  RPE



# Time



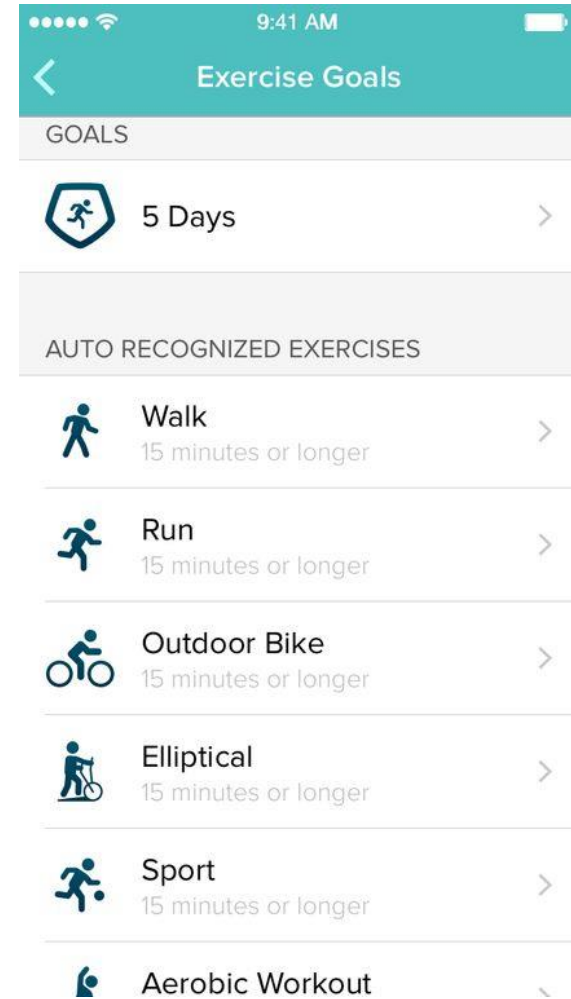
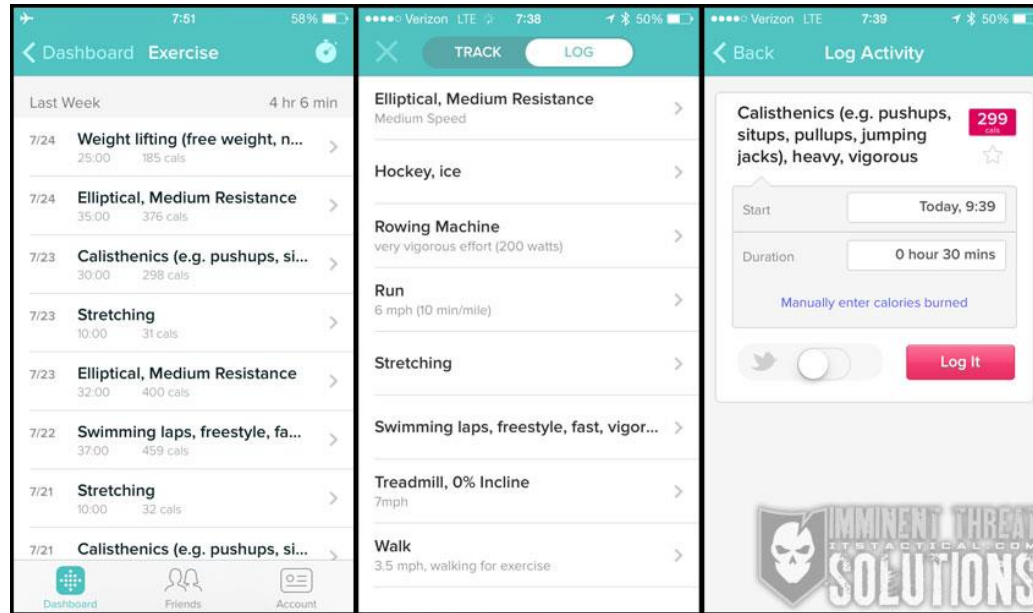
[← Activities List](#)    Workout at Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 4:10PM    1:20:42 min    129 bpm    696 cals    [⋮](#)







# Type (Mode)



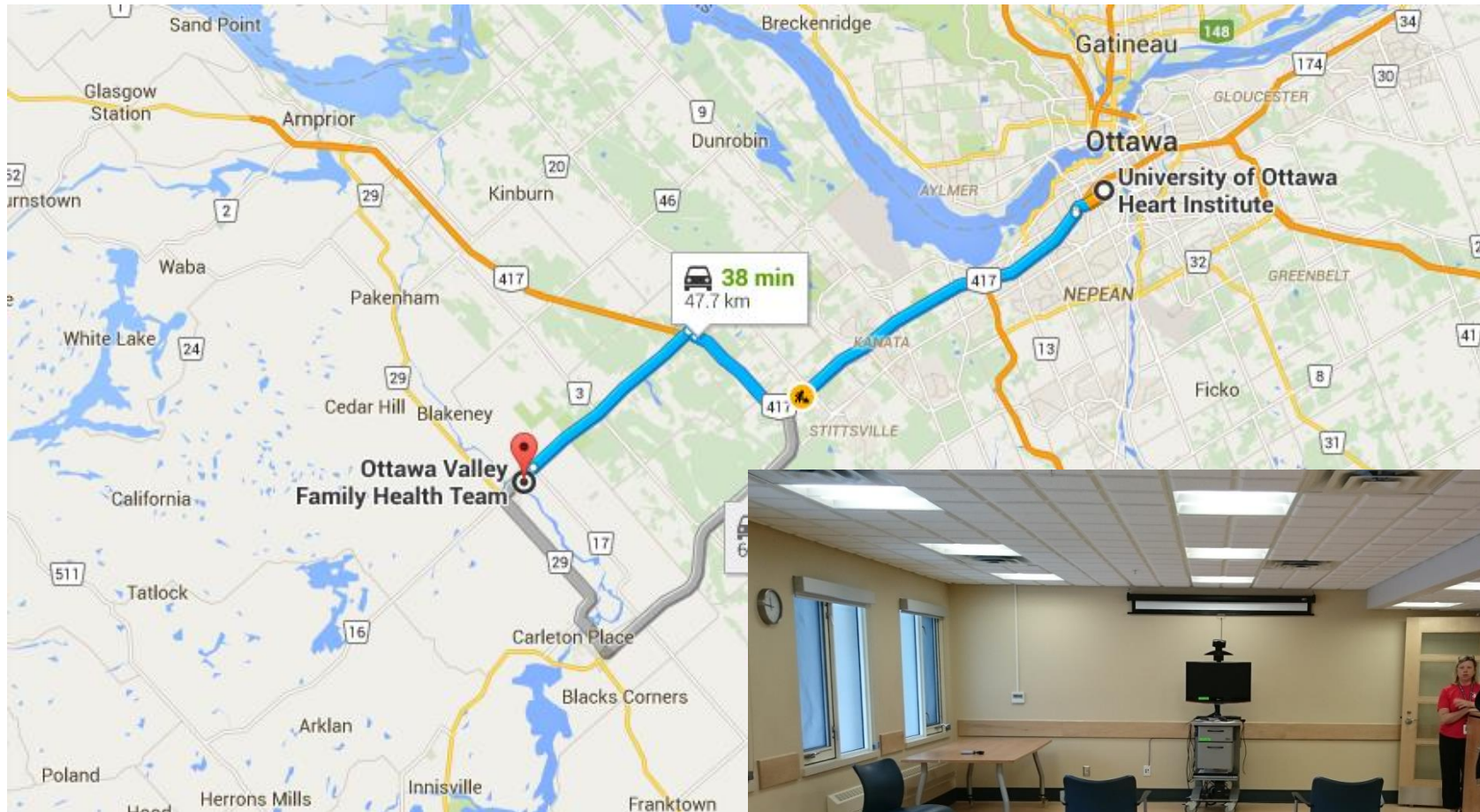
# TeleRehab: Program Description

- Each site connects to the UOHI through the Ontario Telemedicine Network technology during regular sessions.
- Session is lead by physiotherapists at the UOHI and supervised by local healthcare professionals.
- Each session includes a warm-up activity, aerobic exercise, low-intensity resistance training and an educational component
- *Session duration: 1 hour, 2x per week*
- *Program duration: 8-12 weeks*

# Ottawa Valley Family Health Team



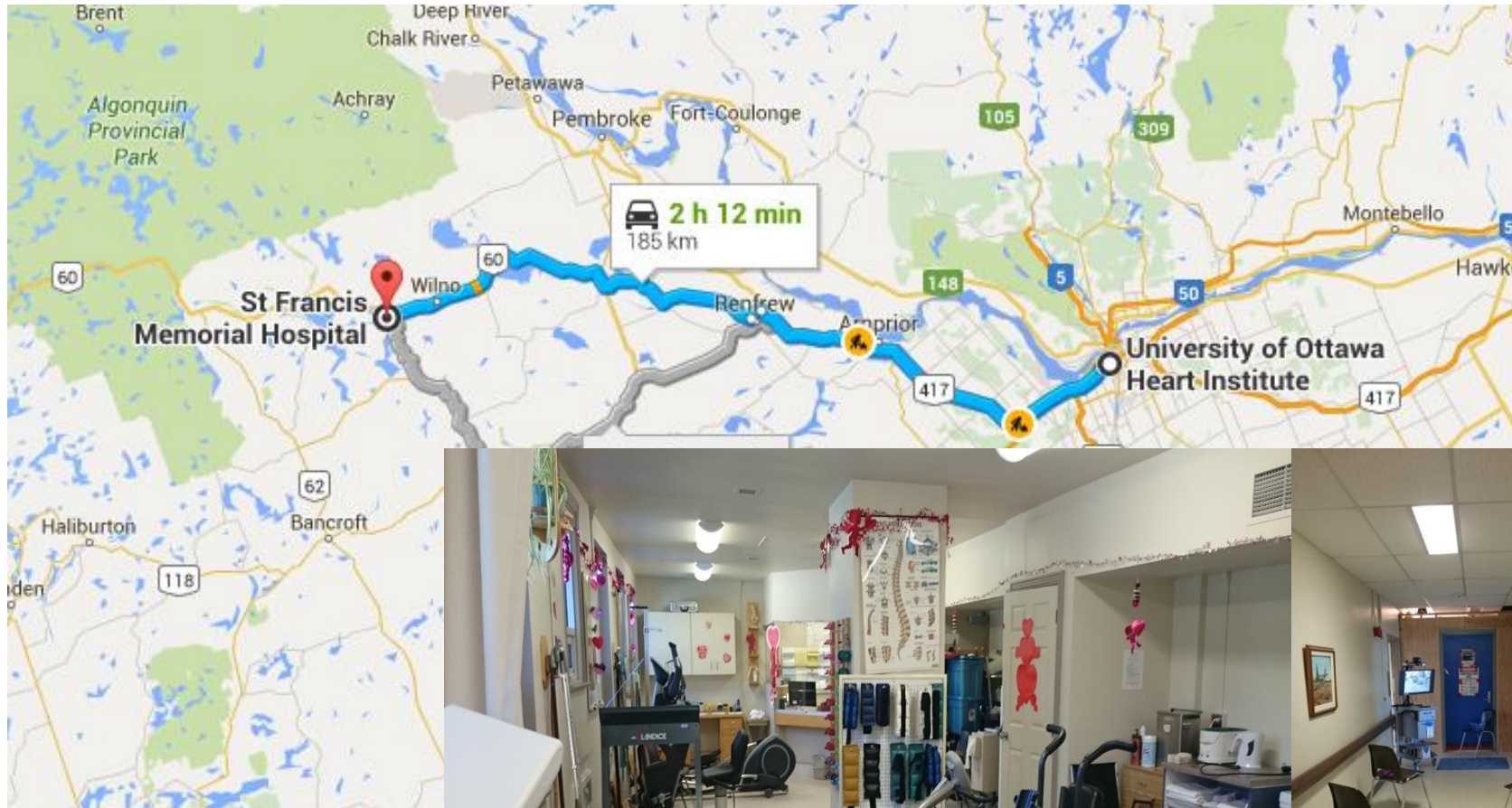
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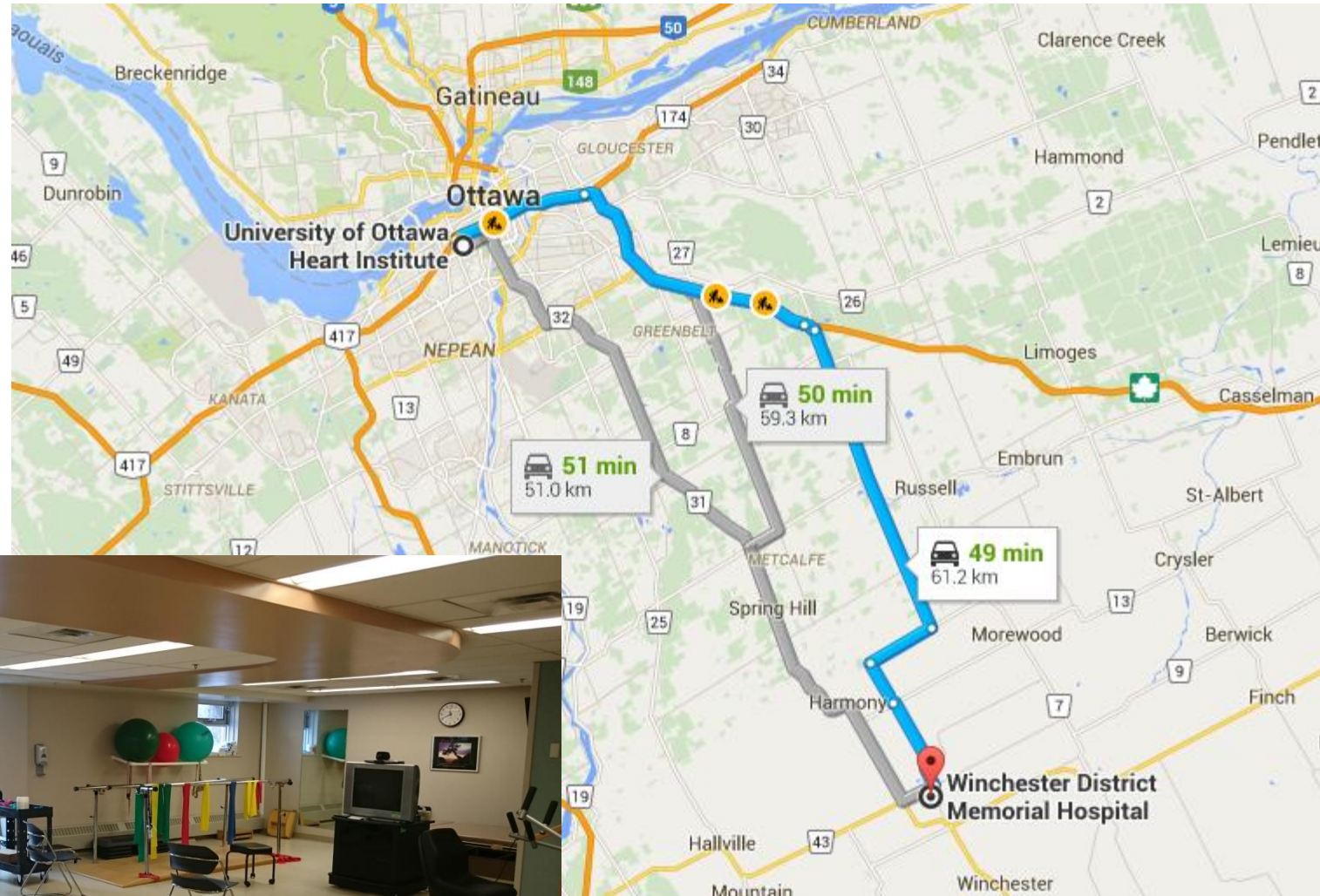
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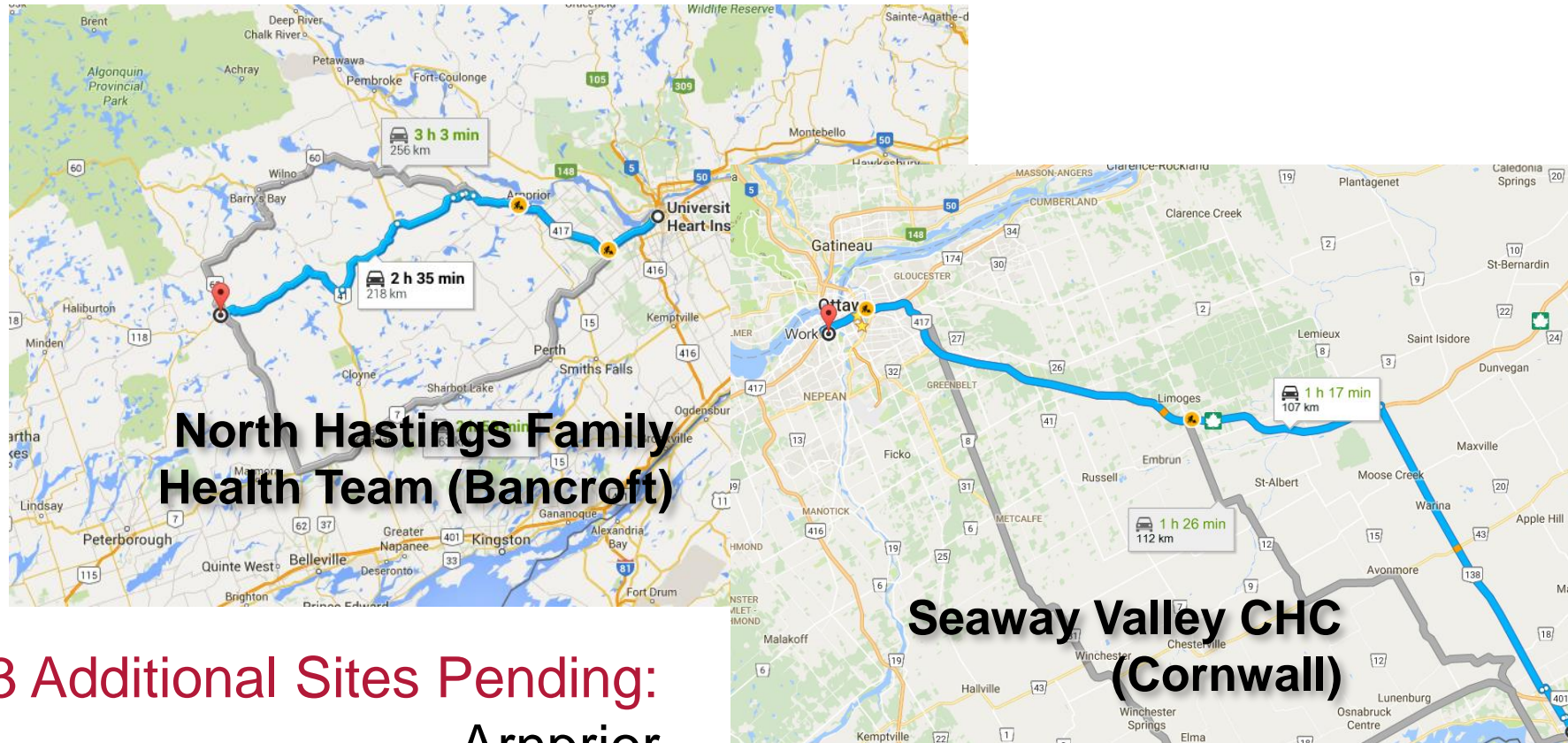


# Winchester District Memorial Hospital





# Additional Locations



3 Additional Sites Pending:  
Arnprior  
Bourget  
Kemptville



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THE  
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## VIRTUAL CARE PROGRAM

### The Reality

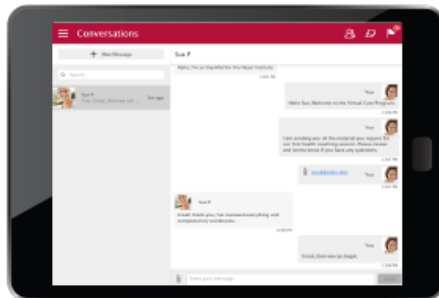
With your hectic schedules and constant demands, who has time to keep on top of the latest health news?

Nowadays, people need fast and convenient services for health information and support to prevent and treat health problems.

### What is the Virtual Care Program?

The "Virtual Care Program", (a **free program**) uses an online cardiovascular health management platform to help you control and manage your risk factors for heart disease.

The platform allows you to track and monitor risk factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, nutrition, weight and more.



### What can I expect?

Once you are registered in the program, you will be asked to answer a series of questions on your health. Once these are complete, you will receive a notification on whether or not you qualify for our health coaching service.

Should you qualify, your assigned coach will contact you within 1-2 business days to introduce themselves and greet you. Your health coach and you will decide on appointment dates for your coaching sessions. You will continue to have ongoing communication with your coach for six months.

The health coach will help you set up trackers, reminders and goals and will provide specific risk factor education along with encouragement.

### What are some of the features?

There are a series of great features in the platform that can assist you in managing your heart health, these include:

**Communication with physical activity devices:** The platform will have the ability to communicate with electronic devices and activity monitors such as the "Fitbit" and many more.

**Wellness Trackers:** You will automatically be assigned trackers for the risk factors that may not meet target values. The trackers help you monitor progress and can even send you reminders to log your steps or take your blood pressure. Trackers are particularly helpful when you are working toward a health goal such as weight loss or quitting smoking.

**Progress Reports:** By tracking your risk factors (such as daily steps, calories, blood pressure etc), the platform will provide progress reports that can assist you in the teaching, instructing, and advisement on health-related issues by a certified "Health Coach".

**One on one health coaching:** You can interact with a health coach if you qualify for this service (see the FAQ's section for details on how to qualify). The health coach's role is to relay specific health information in real time and to help empower you to become an active self-manager of your own heart health.

**Online support groups:** You will be able to access an online support community where you can post questions and seek encouragement and tips from other people with similar health goals.

**Health library:** For all your heart health education needs, you will have access to a trusted and reliable database of information where you can learn important strategies to help you achieve your health priorities.



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# HWE REACH



Number of HWE Sites	>200
Number of Regional Coordinating Centres	6
Number of persons trained in HWE Training Program	>1500
Number of free HWE programs	>50

# Thank you! Questions?

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