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CanStayHome

What is it?

CanStayHome is a multi-year initiative of CanAssist at the University of Victoria. Funded since 2014 by the Province of BC, CanStayHome focuses primarily on developing innovative yet practical technologies that enable vulnerable seniors to remain living in their own homes for as long as safely possible. These technologies are designed both to address gaps in what is available commercially and to have the potential for broader distribution across BC.

Goals

- use innovative technologies to improve independence, safety and confidence among vulnerable clients – particularly those with frailty or dementia – who are at risk of not being able to manage independently any longer;
- focus on technologies that enable people to remain at home for as long as safely possible;
- develop technologies that reduce stress and provide support to caregivers and service providers; and
- ensure value for money.

Technology development

CanAssist is developing several new broad-impact technologies, scalable for use across BC. These tools will be designed to increase independence for seniors and reduce stress on families, thus enabling these seniors to live at home longer and delaying or avoiding their need to enter a care facility.

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A second area of focus of the CanStayHome initiative is the creation of a new web-based service that will provide seniors, their families and care teams with personalized information and guidance about assistive technologies. The service, which is expected to go public early in 2018, aims to help improve independence for seniors, alleviate stress for families and reduce visits to doctors by providing a responsive online resource.