The Last-Mile Problem: Linking Data, Design & Behavior

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Powerful forces are changing the way insurance companies operate



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Societies require companies to fulfil a **socially progressive core purpose**

becoming increasingly personalized

The **nature of risk is behavioral** and solutions are



Consumers live in a technology-dominated world and seek solutions instead of services

The rise of non-communicable diseases is impacting mortality rates



And individual behavior remains irrational with 95% of decisions made subconsciously

Hyperbolic discounting



Healthcare Benefits are immediate, price is hidden



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Wellness Benefits are hidden, price is immediate

Over optimism



MEDICAL CONDITION



SCIENCE WATCH Smoking and mental illness

People with behavioral health conditions are more likely to smoke. Psychologists are among those working to understand why and helping them guit.

Smoking linked to increased risk of chronic back pain

By Kirsten Weir 2013, Vol 44, No. 6 Print version: page 36

> of a new study by researchers from Chad Morris, PhD, didn't begin his career with tobacco in mind. His wake-up call came while review practices for treating bipolar disorder.

"I had this aha moment when I realized: What's the one thing you have to be to benefit from the best services?" says the associate professor in the psychiatry department at the University of Colorado Denver. "The bottom line is, you have to be alive."

Behavioral Mechanisms Underlying the Link Between Smoking and Drinking

Original Article

March 2005

A Prospective Study of a Community Sampl

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Smoking and Truck Drivers: One Risk Too Many

Smoking and the Risk of Suicidal Behavior Truck drivers have a stressful, challenging job and suffer from many health problems more often than the general population. This makes the link between smoking and truck drivers especially problematic, so helping them to guit should form part of a comprehensive strategy to help improve their health overall.



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Philip Morris joins UK insurance market

by Terry Gangcuangco 24 Apr 2019





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On average, people who switch to e-cigarettes will receive a 2.5% discount on premiums, people who switch to Philip Morris' heated tobacco product iQOS for three months will receive a 25% discount, and people who quit smoking for at least a year will receive a 50% discount, the company said. Premiums for a 20-year-old nonsmoker run about $\pounds 5$ (\$6.47) per month for a life insurance policy that pays $\pounds 150,000$ (\$194,125). The same premium would buy a $\pounds 60,000$ (\$77,650) policy for a 40-year-old nonsmoker.

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Marlboro maker Philip Morris has launched an insurance subsidiary in the UK that promises to slash premiums by half under one condition.

Smokers insured by Philip Morris unit Reviti are offered a 50% discount if they kick the habit for a minimum of one year. If that sounds too hard, two other options are available under the new life insurance proposition.

Marsh and JLT combination not 'a steamroller merger'

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Our core purpose:

To make people healthier and to enhance and protect their lives.

By blending smart tech, data, incentives, and behavioral science, we inspire healthy changes in individuals and organizations around the world.





The last-mile problem: How data science and behavioral science can work together

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If we want to act on data to get fit or reduce heating bills, we need to understand not just the analytics of the data, but how we make decisions.

Why?

Make people healthier and enhance and protect their lives

How?

Members Improved health, better value through improved price and benefits Member incontin naviour Vitality™ Vitalitydrive ΞΞ Society Insurer Lower claims Insurer savings Healthier society Higher margins Improved productivity Positive selection Reduced healthcare and lower lapses burden

What?

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Life & Disability insurance Health insurance Corporate wellness Short-term insurance Long-term savings Banking





Shared Value Framework







Personalized Algorithms, Incentives and Physical Activity A Vitality Active Rewards with Apple Watch Case Study

Technology can help, but it is not easy to scale

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OBSERVATION: BRIEF RESEARCH REPORT

Using Wearable Devices and Smartphones to Track Physical Activity: Initial Activation, Sustained Use, and Step Counts Across Sociodemographic Characteristics in a National Sample

Background: Interest in using wearable devices and marphones to monof aduly health behaviors, such as physical activity, is growing (1, 2). Many large employens are using these technologies in workplace weathers programs (2). The praction medicine initiative has described free drive data calcular by these technologies can be used to better target interventions. However, the duractamics of parones who use Observise "Telescripte active target target to the target active target act

Objective: To describe rates of initial use of activity trackers, sustained use after 6 months, and step counts across different sociodemographic characteristics from a wellness program offered across the United States.

Methods and Findings: Data on activity tracker use, mean dayl step occurs, and sociodemographic characteristics bebeen 2014 and 2015 were obtained from Humans for this welfness program offered across the United States. Median data that the second schematic state and across the odd. Data were received disdemicted and dearened summyr. from review by the University of Pernsylvania Institutional Review Board.

The program supported more than 60 exercised educes and maniphone supplications. Activity trackers needed to be connected to the wellness platterm once, and then data were transmitted automatically at the device west used. The program had a daily goal of 10000 steps and used gamilication or logging wellness. Commercial automatical plantication or logging wellness. Commercial automatical plantication discours plants for the first and fifth worknut each week. Achieving higher levels made points redoemed for gift carbs or other prives more valuable. The maximum expected daily monthie value regard from appresentiatly 50.25 for 50.40.

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elderly (spec) 4.6 years) (Table 1). During the 2-years, 1.2% of person activated a device (0.2% in 2018) and (10% a 2018). Initial activation was done by 1.4% of women and 0.9% of the non-2.8% to 1.1% of younger 1.4% to 1.4% of 1.4\% of

used a Fibit and 13.7% (14.3% to 17.3% among younger adults) used an Apple product. Six months after activation, 80.0% overall, 90.4% of elderly persons, and 85.9% of Fibit users had sustained use of the activity tracker (Table 21. The mean daily tape count was 7.603 overall, 8420 among men, 7291 among women, and 8065 among Fibit users.

Discussion: This study had 3 main findings. First, statily tracker activator, southando use, and the pounts varied aroms sociodemographic characteristics. Second, Antul a sixvations wain low, particularly a more galaxies and lowers nongage older persons where all activation rates norsansed between gage older persons all those who may all varies of the site and these devices. Third, sustained use and mean steps contenwere high among those who mails activated that dividual directions. We have providual build the direction that these approaches can be atticute in other satimizes (4, 5). Programs to mercine devices and dhoridal activative patients.

This study has limitations. Data were from a single insurer, incentives and program promotion could vary by imurance and employer, race/athintity was unavailable, and data from persons who used a device but did not activate it with the program were not captured. Sustained use over longer periods needs further study.

To our knowledge, our study is 1 of the first national evaluations of activity tracker use among a large, diverse sample. Our findings offer new insights to better design interventions using wearable devices and smartphones.

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During the 2 years, **1.2%** of persons activated a device (0.2% in 2014 and 1.0% in 2015).

Programs should consider ways to **better engage older persons and those who may be less able to afford** these devices.

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Wearable devices act as facilitators not drivers of behavioral health

Wearable Devices as Facilitators. Not Drivers. of Health Behavior Change

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may justify that promise, but less because of their technology and more because of the behavioral change strategies that can be designed around them.

dence suggests that they are bridging that gap.

ciples from theories of health behavior.2

prospect of future rewards. Lottery-based designs le- devices is increasing. verage the fact that individuals tend to assign undue weight to small probabilities and are more engaged by

she is most likely to take action.

Identifying and Addressing the Gaps Google, and Samsung are entering the expanding mar-Using wearable devices to effectively promote health be ket of population health with the introduction of wear-havior change is a complex, multistep process. First, a able devices. This technology, worn in clothing or accesperson must be motivated enough to want a device and sories, is part of a larger movement often referred to as be able to afford it; this is a challenge, because some dethe "quantified self." The notion is that by recording and vices cancest hundreds of dollars. Perhaps for these rea reporting information about behaviors such as physical sons, wearable devices seem to appeal to groups that activity or skeep patterns, these devices can educate and might need them least. In a survey of wearable device motivate individuals toward better babits and better users 75% described themselves as "early adopters of health. The gap between recording information and technology," 48% were younger than 35 years, and 29% changing behavior is substantial, however, and while reportedly earnmore than \$100 000 annually.⁴ The inthese devices are increasing in popularity, little evi-dividuals who might have the most to gain from these devices are likely to be older and less affluent. To better

Only 1% to 2% of individuals in the United States have engage these individuals, we arable devices must be used a wearable device, but annual sales are projected to more affordable, or new funding mechanisms are increase to more than \$50 billion by 2018. Some of these needed. For example, employers and insurers might pay devices aim at individuals already motivated to change for a device that helps individuals better adhere to their their health behaviors. Others are being considered by medications, potentially yielding significant downhealth care organizations, employers, insurers, and clini-stream health care savings. Or, devices that demon dans who see promise in using these devices to better enstrate effectiveness could be financed in a manner sit gage less motivated individuals. Some of these devices lar to that for prescription drugs.

Second, once a device is acquired, a person re to remember to wear it and occasionally recharge it. additional behaviors required from individuals who may

Most health-related behaviors such as eating well have a difficult time already. Many wearable devices re and exercising regularly could lead to meaningful im- quire data to be sent to a phone or computer, adding ad provements in population health only if they are sus- ditional steps and more equipment. According to one tained. If wearable devices are to be part of the solu- survey (n = 6223), more than half of individuals who pur tion, they either need to create enduring new habits, chased a wearable device stopusing it and, of these, one turning external motivations into internal ones (which third did so before 5 months 5 One potential solution is difficult), or they need to sustain their external moti- might be to better leverage smartphones; most people vation (which is also difficult). This requirement of sustained behavior change is a major challenge, but many smartphone does not require any effort beyond setupmobile health applications have not yet leveraged prinpeople are already accustomed to regularly charging. Be

Foodback horse could be better designed around cause data can be transmitted reastable via a rollular conwearable devices to sustain engagement by using con-nection, there is no need for individuals to actively upcepts from behavioral economics.² Individuals are of- date their data. Although smartphones are expensive ten motivated by the experience of pastrewards and the many people already have them, and the reach of these

Third, the device must be able to accurately trac its targeted behavior. Accelerometers, commonly found intermittent variable rewards than with constant rein- within wearable devices, have been well studied for forcement. Anticipated regret, an individual's concern tracking step counts. However, newer technologies, such or anxiety over the reward he or she might not win, can as those that measure heart rate or sleep patterns, hav have a significant effect on decision making. Feedback not been well validated. Similar to mobile health appl could be designed to use this concept by informing in. cations, the increase in the availability and types of wear dividuals what they would have won had they been ad- able devices has not been matched by appropriate test herent to the new behavior. Building new habits maybe ing or oversight to make sure they work.⁶ Wearable best facilitated by presenting frequent feedback with ap- devices are unlikely to have the same capabilities as propriate framing and by using a trigger that captures home devices that measure blood pressure or track the individual's attention at those moments when he or medication adherence. However, a smartwatch may fa clitate feedback from these devices, forming a better

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Using wearable devices to effectively promote health behavior change is a complex, multistep process. First, a person must be motivated enough to want a device and be able to afford it; this is a challenge, because some devices can cost hundreds of dollars.

Although wearable devices have the potential to facilitate health behavior change, this change might not be driven by these devices alone. Instead, the successful use and potential health benefits related to these devices *depend more on the design of the engagement strategies* than on the features of their technology

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Vitality Active Rewards with **Apple Watch**



The largest behavior change study on physical activity

RAND EUROPE

Incentives and physical activity

An assessment of the association between Vitality's Active Rewards with Apple Watch benefit and sustained physical activity improvements

Marco Hafner, Jack Pollard and Christian van Stolk





Three countries 422 643 people, 91 000 Apple Watch users



Longitudinal tracking Before and after taking up Apple Watch



Granular data Demographic data + Biometric information + Physical activity



Gender

Place of residence

Body mass index

engagement





Broadening Access

Incentivizing Behavior Change

Sustaining Improvements











Study Methods



Addressing the Pitfalls of Previous Studies

- Anti-Selection, or the tendency for those at least risk to take up activity incentives
- **Small Study Population** .
- Tracker Effect, or confusing more accurate tracking with actual behavior change



Testing the Power of Loss-Framed Incentives

The study compared the difference between two populations in each market:

- 1. People who received gain-framed incentives gain-framed incentive: Vitality Active Rewards
- 2. People who received an additional loss-framed incentive: Apple Watch



Statistically Speaking, $y_{i,my} = \alpha_i + \gamma_{my} + \partial_{i,qy} + \beta VARWAW_{i,my} + \varepsilon_{i,my}$ The study applied a fixed-effects Poisson regression, adjusted for diverse characteristics and context of the study population, including:



Demographics



Starting Fitness Level



Health Status

Intensity

Types of Physical Activity

Seasonality



INCREASE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

+4.8 DAYS

PER MONTH OR ALMOST

ONE FULL WORK WEEK

Increase in ph	nysical activity for Apple per month	e Watch members		
	%	Days		
	31%	4.7		
	28%	3.6		
S	44%	6.1		



Increase in physical activity is sustained



Good Activity Behaviors Persist Post the Benefit Period^{1,2}

Though there is a slight decline in activity following the completion of the benefit, members maintain activity profiles higher than their prebenefit levels



Time Dimension

2. The Vitality Active Rewards with Apple Watch population consisted of 608 individuals, whilst the baseline or reference population consisted of 969 individuals. Samples are derived from two large Vitality clients.

^{1.} The eligible population is comprised of employees who participated in the Vitality Active Rewards with Apple Watch program and continued to engage with Vitality for six months following the completion of their initial 24-month goal cycle. Individuals also had to have been device users prior to their engagement in the benefit to eliminate the tracker effect.

Vitality Active Rewards







Personalized

Dynamic

Gamified

Vitality Active Rewards is a proven driver of behavior change in its own right Active Rewards is associated with a 33% increase in tracked activity



This diagram is for illustrative purposes only, and does not form part of the study conducted by RAND Europe

Loss-framed incentive:

Increase in activity after taking up Active Rewards with Apple Watch

Gain-framed incentive:

Increase in activity after taking up Active Rewards



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"Empirical findings for the United Kingdom and the United States suggest that on average, participating in Vitality Active Rewards is associated with an increase in total tracked activity of about 33 percent (UK: 30.7 percent; US: 37 percent) compared to when participating in the Vitality program alone, without either activating Active Rewards or taking up the Active Rewards with Apple Watch benefit." -RAND Europe

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The Vitality **Drive** programme

Be Responsible





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