E-Health, Assistive Technologies and Applications for Assisted Living: Challenges and Solutions

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E-health technologies will play an increasingly important role in the coming years, as more and more older people will require medical care and support. Due to the prevalent demographic changes and the continuously decreasing number of nursing staff and caregivers, there is an increased need for intelligent medical technologies, which enable people to live independently at home.

E-Health, Assistive Technologies and Applications for Assisted Living: Challenges and Solutions reviews existing literature in assistive technologies and provides suggestions and solutions for improving the quality of assisted living facilities and residences through the use of e-health systems and services.

Topics Covered:
- Ambient assisted living research and development
- Assistive technologies for an aging population
- Changing healthcare delivery
- Participative personal health record system development
- Patient centered medical home
- Privacy and security in e-health applications
- Real-time teleconsultation in emergency medical services
- Role of online trust in e-health
- Security in e-health applications
- Wearable systems for monitoring mobility related activities

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