

# DESIGNING MEDICAL DEVICES FOR THE LAY USER

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WHO WE ARE



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# ABOUT

## RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

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Research Collective is a Human Factors and User Experience research and design consultancy located in Tempe, Arizona.

We partner with top medical device manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies to help them improve the usability and safety of their products.

Our network of human factors experts and user experience professionals help companies make their products easy to learn, efficient to work with, and desirable to use.



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*human factors*  
& USER EXPERIENCE  
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# WEBINAR

## OVERVIEW

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Why non-professional medical device use is on the rise



Human factors design considerations for medical devices intended for lay users



How to implement the principles of human factors at every phase of development



TOPIC 1

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# NON-PROFESSIONAL

MEDICAL DEVICE USE IS ON THE RISE

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# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## Non-Professional medical device

- › Device intended for someone without relevant specialized training

## Also referred to as devices intended for:

- › The layperson
- › The lay user
- › Non-clinical user
- › Home Use

# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## THE U.S. POPULATION IS AGING

The elderly are more likely to live with chronic diseases that require daily medical care at home

## INDIVIDUALS WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS ARE LIVING LONGER

Due to medical advancements, many individuals with chronic diseases are living longer but are dependent on home medical care.

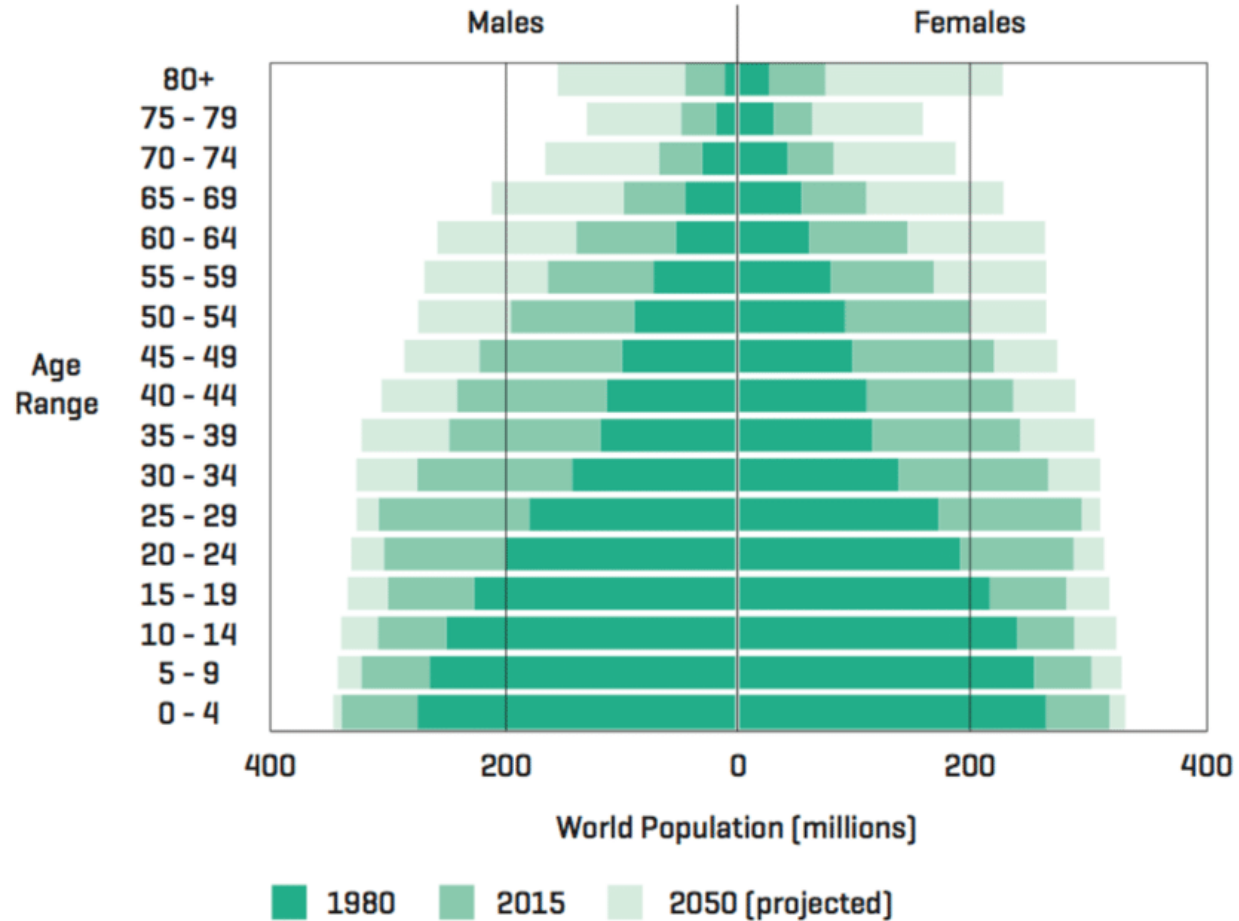
## THERE IS AN INCREASING FOCUS ON REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTHCARE

Spurring the growth of the home health care market.



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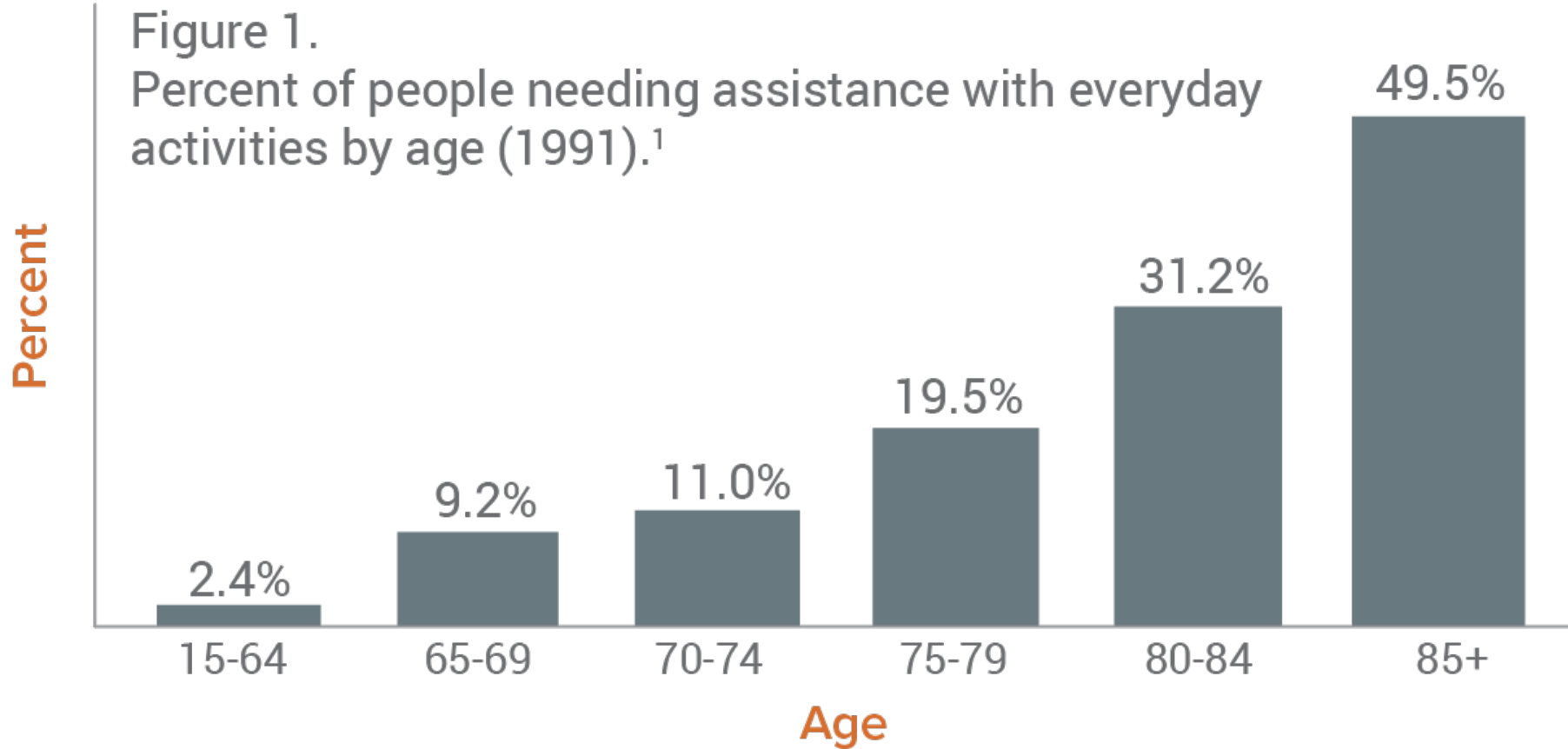






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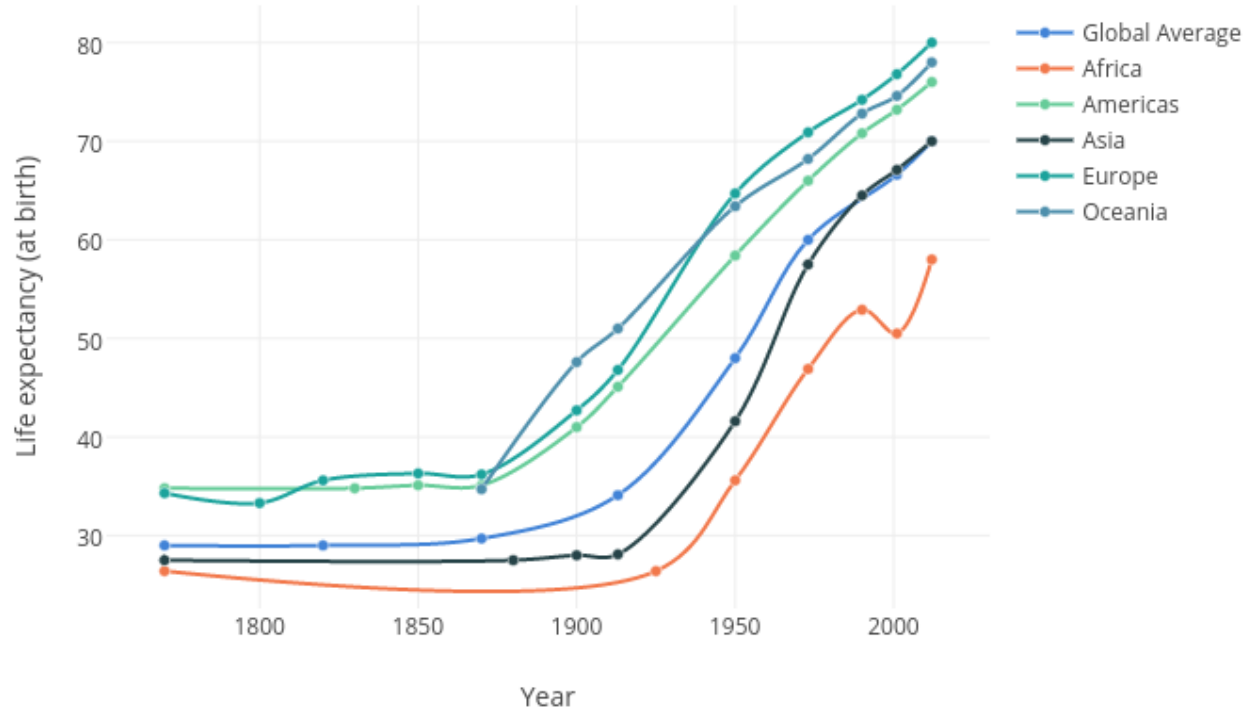




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Worldwide life expectancy over time

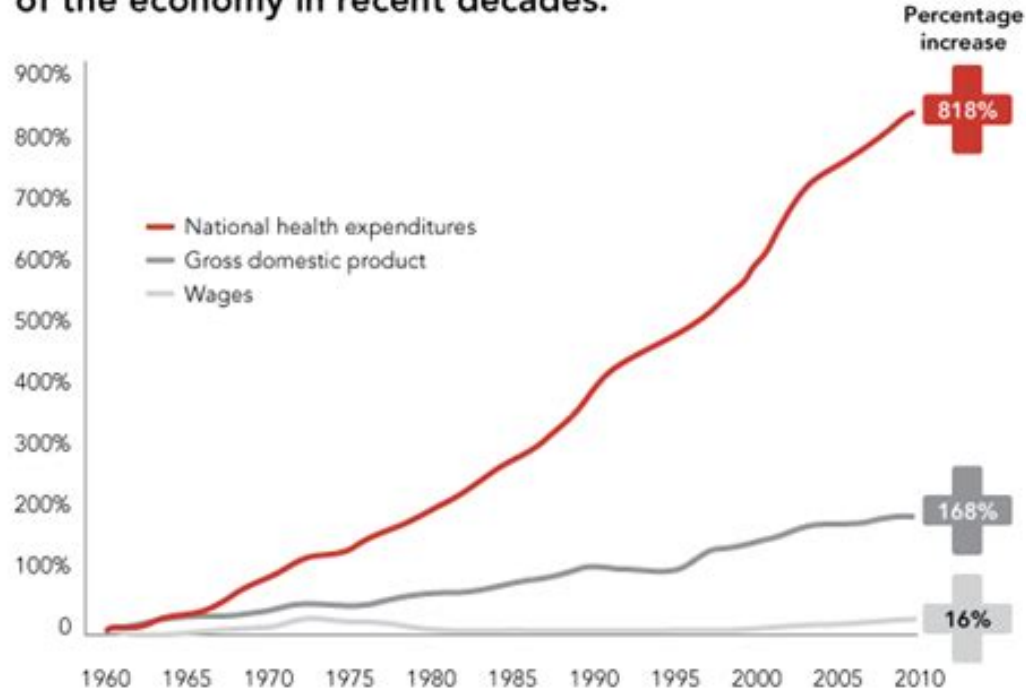




# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

THERE IS AN INCREASING FOCUS ON REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTHCARE

Health care spending has grown much faster than the rest of the economy in recent decades.



Sources: McKinsey, "Accounting for the Cost of U.S. Health Care" (2011), Center for American Progress

THE HUFFINGTON POST



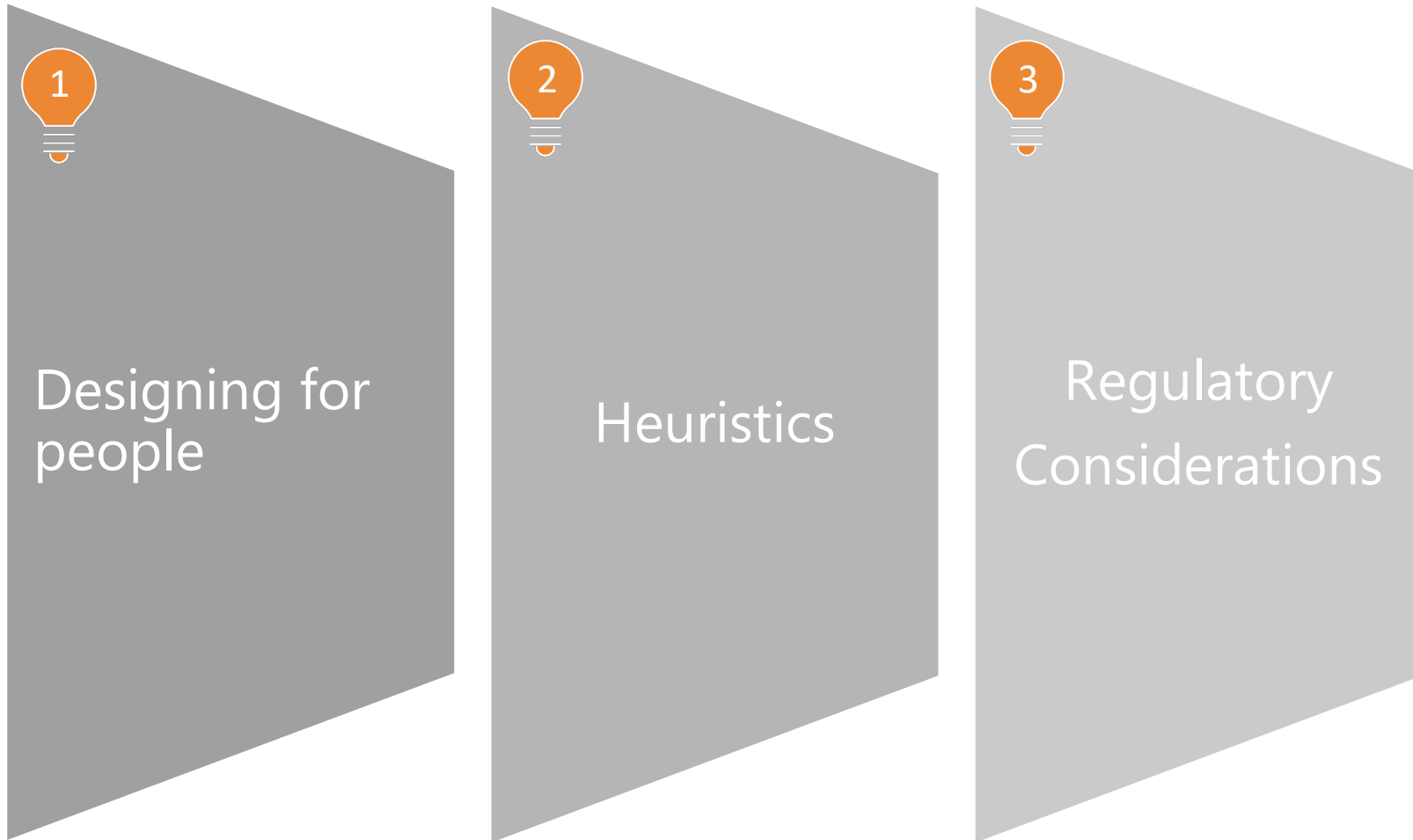
## TOPIC 2

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# HUMAN FACTORS

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS FOR  
MEDICAL DEVICES INTENDED FOR LAY  
+USERS

# HUMAN FACTORS DESIGN CONSIDERATIONNS





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# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE

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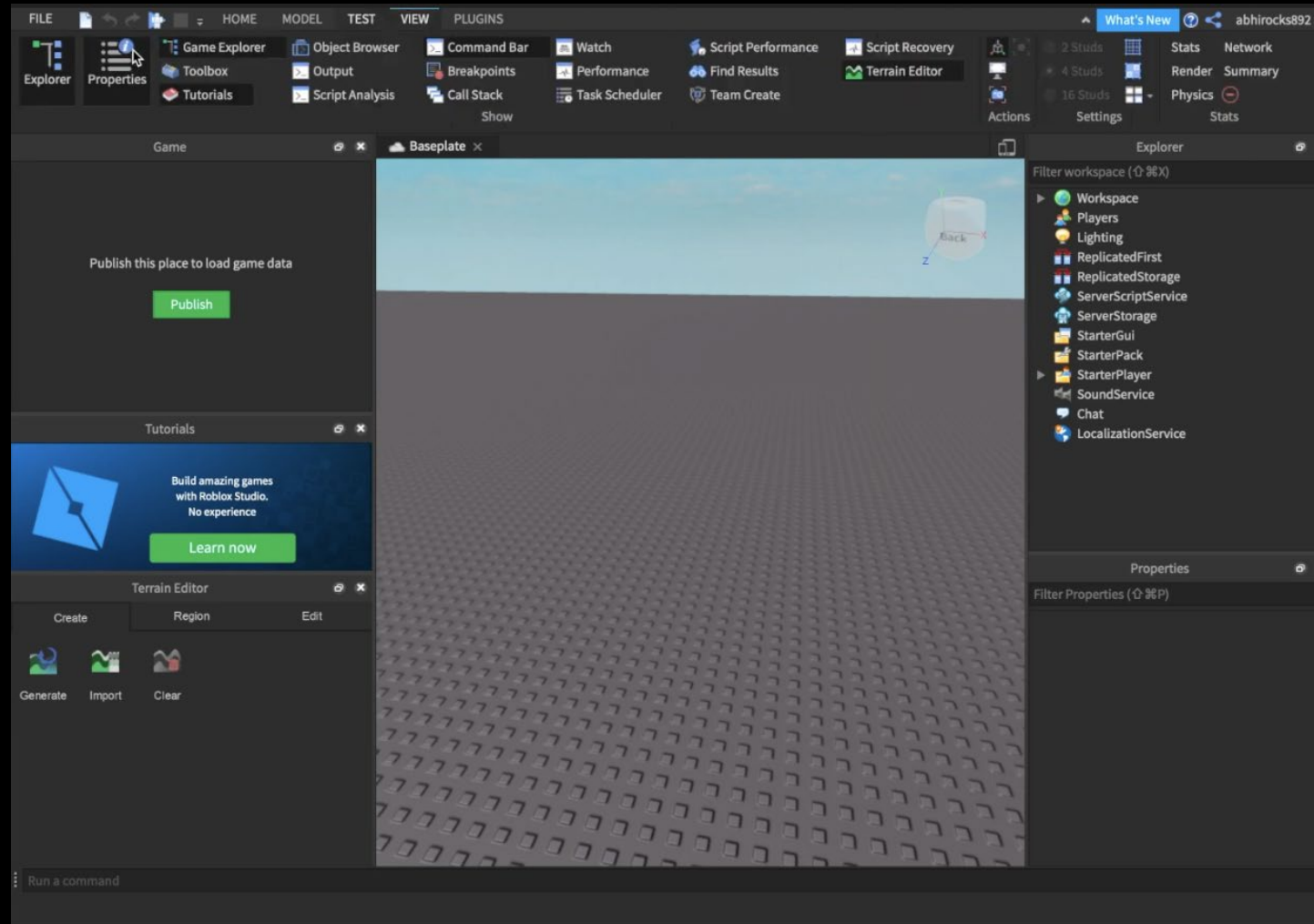


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## DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE



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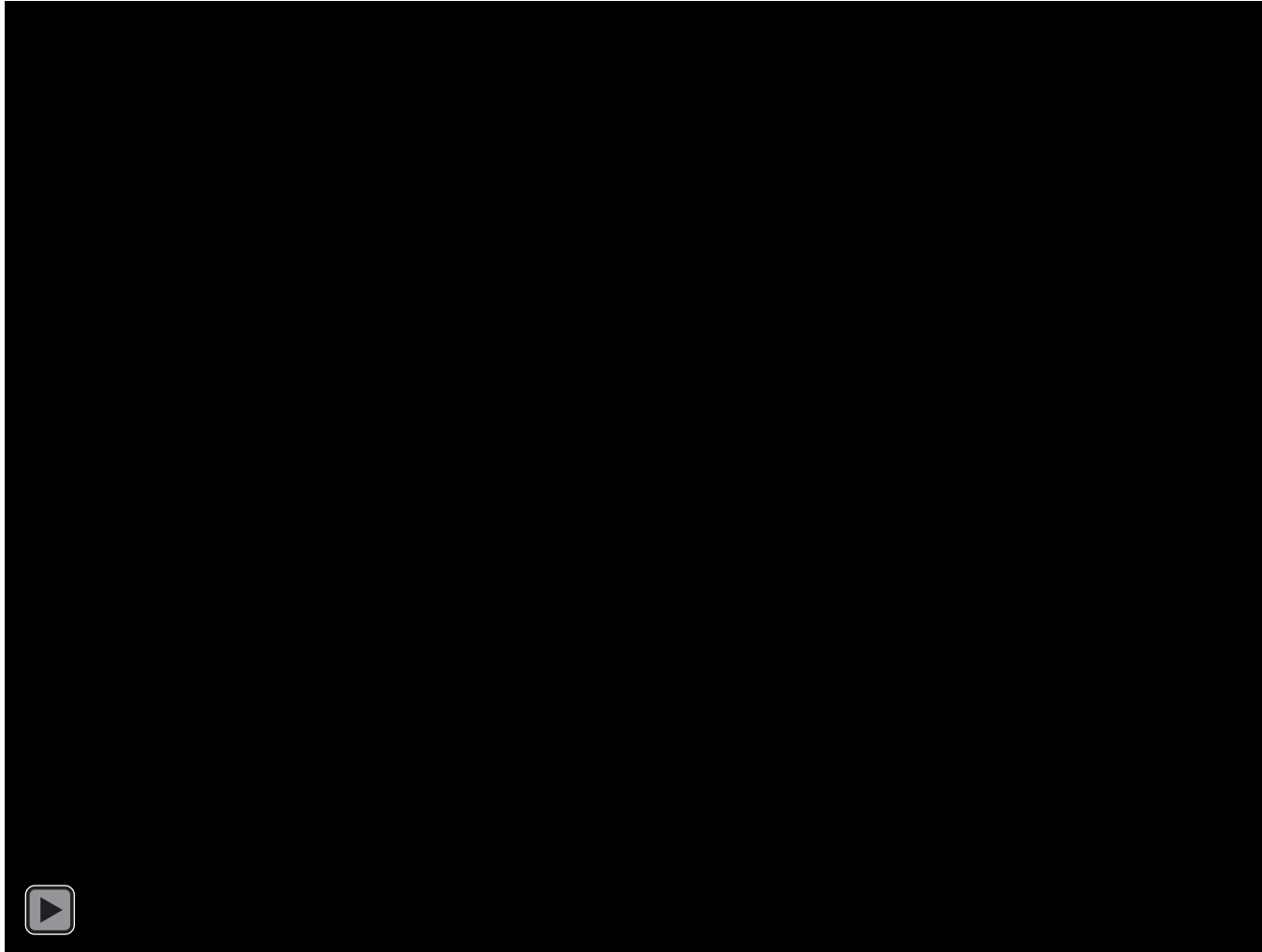




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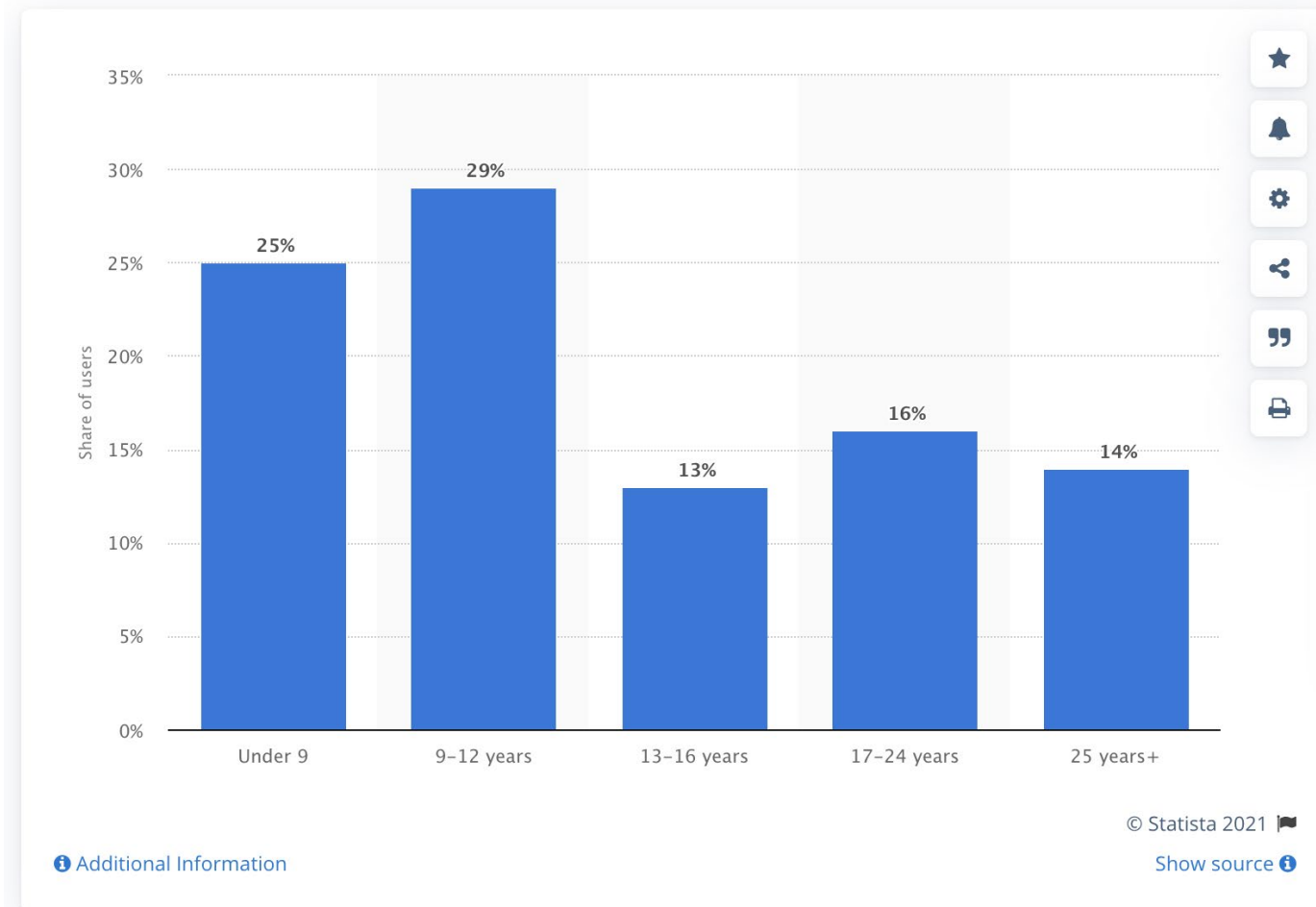




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Distribution of Roblox games users worldwide as of September 2020, by age





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ANNALS OF MEDICINE NOVEMBER 12, 2018 ISSUE

## WHY DOCTORS HATE THEIR COMPUTERS

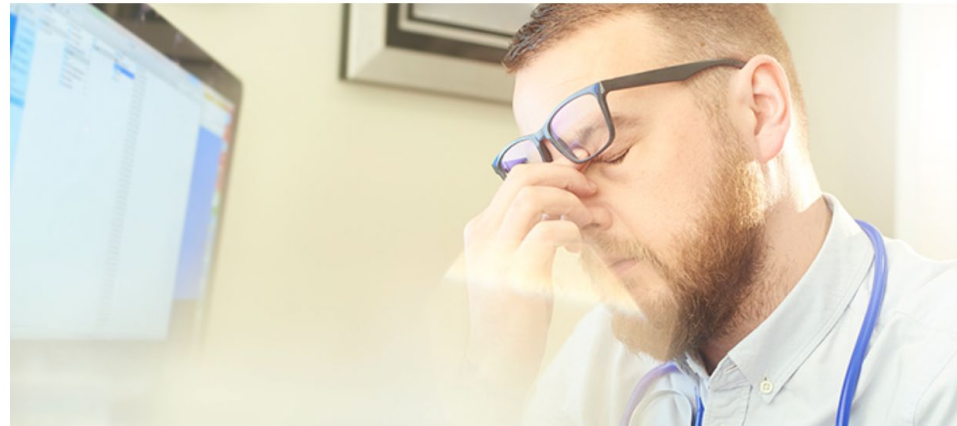
*Digitization promises to make medical care easier and more efficient. But are screens coming between doctors and patients?*

By **Atul Gawande**  
November 5, 2018

## EHR fatigue has frustrated doctors looking to cut clinical hours

New AMA report finds the weight of technology and administrative burdens is creeping into time physicians need for patient care.

By **Jeff Lagasse** | November 01, 2017 | 11:40 AM



Sep 11, 2014, 01:25pm EDT

## 5 Things Preventing Technology Adoption In Health Care



**Robert Pearl, M.D.** Contributor  
Healthcare

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It's easy to  
make  
things difficult,

but it's difficult  
to make  
things easy.

- Alphonse Chapanis



# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

DESIGNING FOR PEOPLE

Who are *the people*?

- › How much education do they have?
- › Do they have any specialized training?
- › Do they have any physical limitations?
- › Do they have any cognitive limitations?
- › What is their emotional state when using the device?



# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## HEURISTICS

1. Consistency
2. Visibility
3. Match
4. Minimalist

5. Memory
6. Feedback
7. Flexibility
8. Message
9. Errors

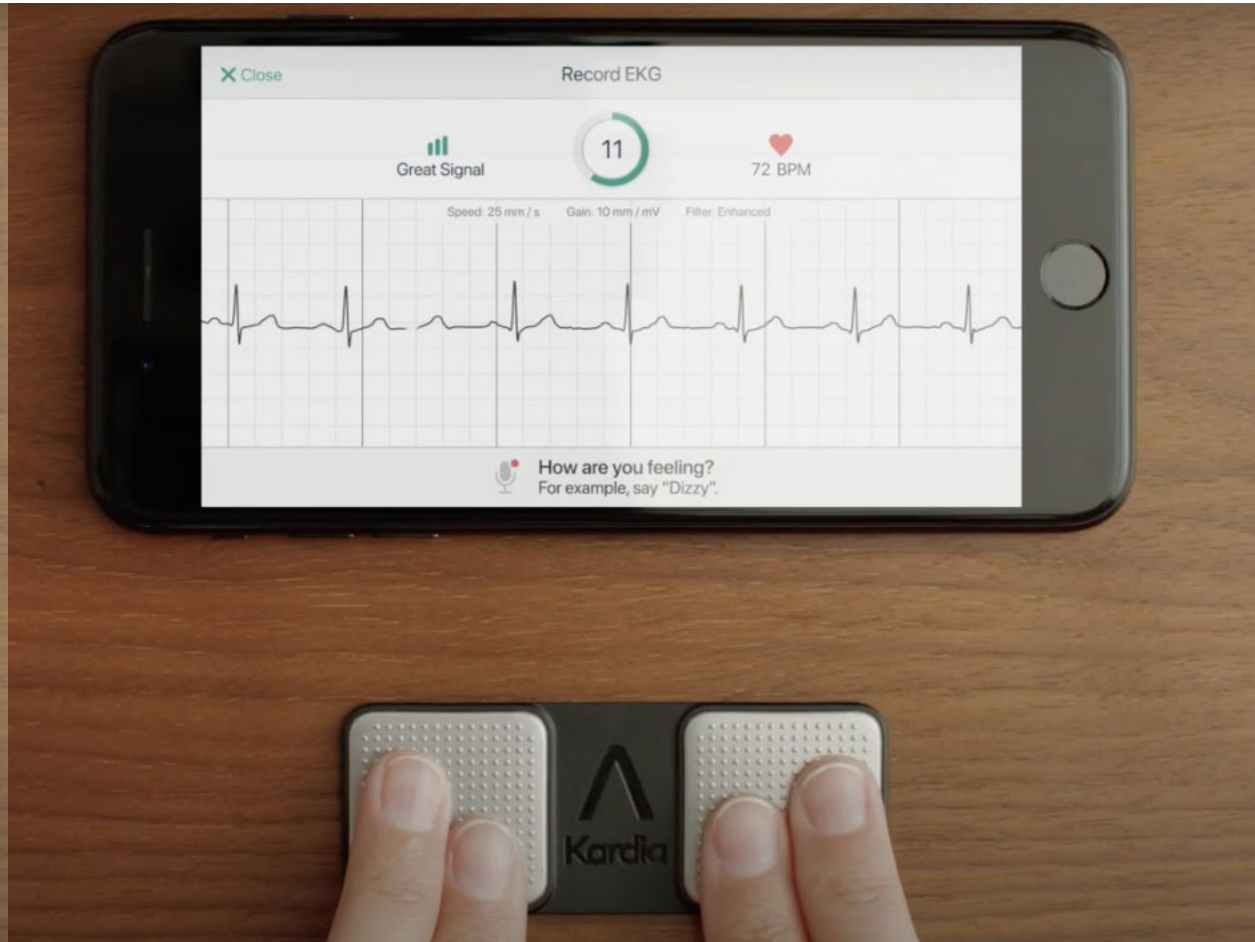
10. Closure
11. Undo
12. Language
13. Control
14. Document



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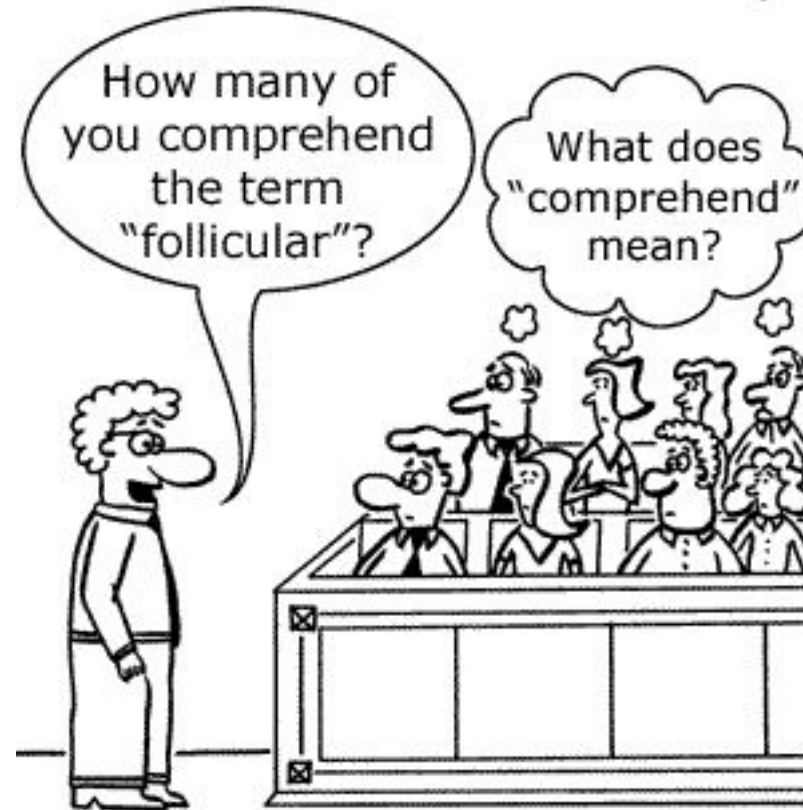
HEURISTICS – VISIBILITY, MATCH





# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## HEURISTICS - LANGUAGE







# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

FDA launched the Medical Device Home Use Initiative in 2010

1. Guidance document
2. Labeling repository
3. Increase awareness



# NON-PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL DEVICE USE

## REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

### Design Considerations for Devices Intended for Home Use (FDA)

- Environmental considerations
- User considerations
- Design considerations
  - Lock-out mechanisms
  - Calibration
  - Mechanical
  - Electrical
- Human Factors testing
- Labeling
- Post Market



TOPIC 3

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# IMPLEMENTING

## THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN FACTORS

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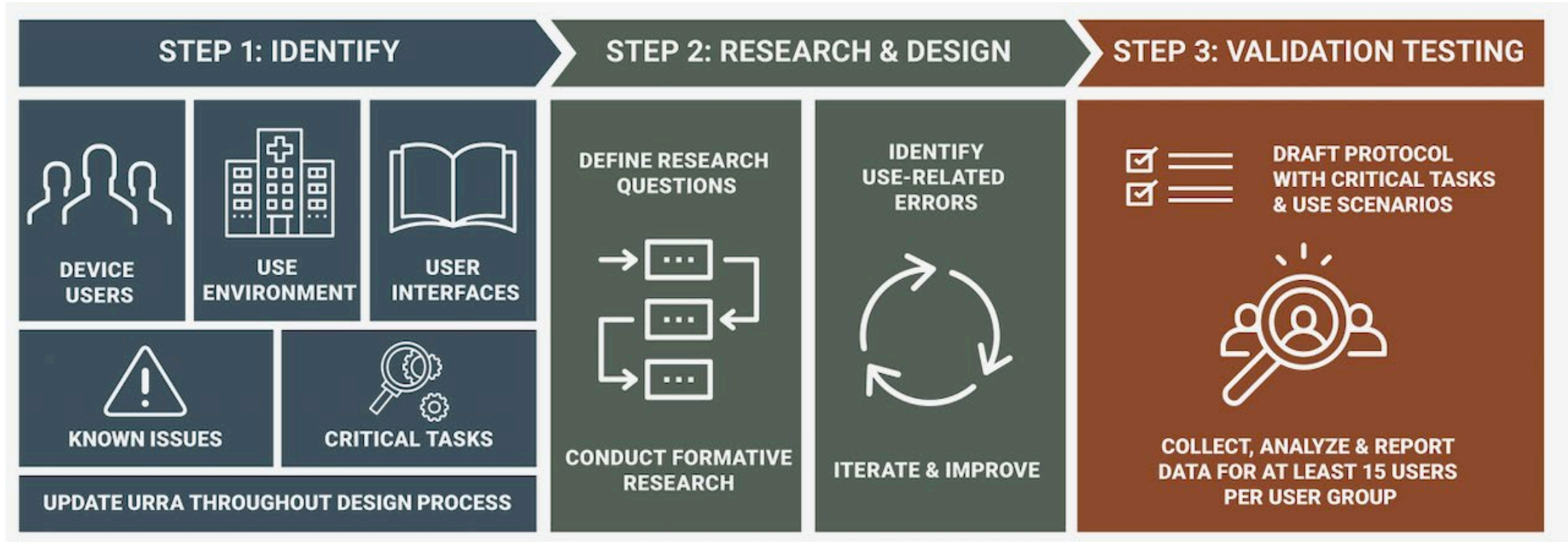
1. Identify Users, Use Environments
2. Use Heuristics and Regulatory Guidance
3. Conduct research
4. Iterate, improve, test again





# IMPLEMENTING THE PRINCIPLES

APPLYING HUMAN FACTORS AND USABILITY ENGINEERING TO MEDICAL DEVICES



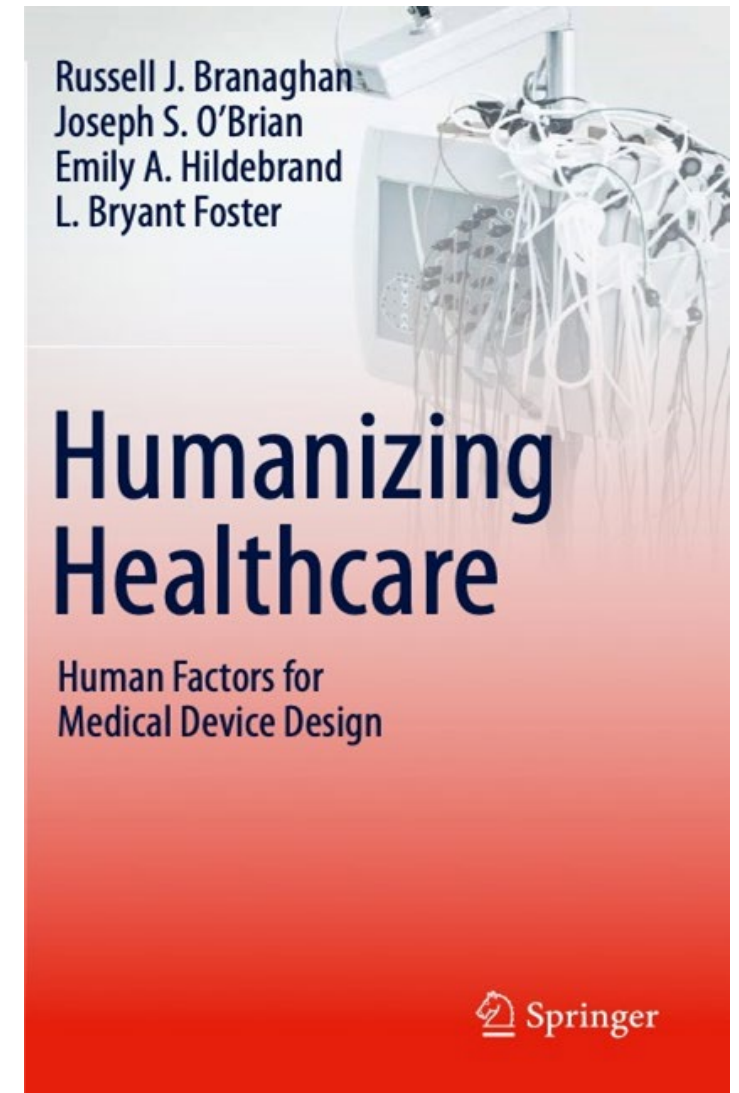


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# IMPLEMENTING THE PRINCIPLES

OUR BOOK

- Russ Branaghan, Bryant Foster, Emily Hildebrand and Joe O'Brian, from our team, recently co-authored a book, Humanizing Healthcare
- A comprehensive guide to human factors engineering principles, guidelines, and design methods for medical device design



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