

# Seated Exercise Technology to walk in balance

### **Motivation**

Mobility is fundamentally important to older adults being able to maintain their physical and psychological health.



Falls are common in



Poor adherence to exercising independently

# Technologies

Seated Exercise Technology (SET) combines intervention with monitoring, is designed for the frail population, enables independent use and trains the whole body. The SET Solution offers timely and effective intervention to regain walking ability comfortably, safely at a low cost.

older people

Serious

implications

Professionals are expensive

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## Project partners



#### **BalanSeat**

BalanSeat applies trunk, shoulder and pelvis rotation together with thighs extension, on a seated user.

Functional Reach Test (FRT)





Figure I The Balanseat thoracopelvic assisted movement training device.

#### **Technology used for assessment of walking ability:**

#### **Philips GoSafe**

- Sensor technology for Automatic Mobility Assessments in Daily Life - Implement continuous assessments on commercial device

#### MedIT RWTH Body Sensor Network

- Intergrated Posture and Activity Network by MedIT Aachen: wirelesss network for biomechanical and physiological measurements - Transfer to the home environment for multiple sensor location









#### **Motion lab Technion**

- Gold Standard 3D camera based assessment in the lab environment



# To the goal









# Clinical impact

Old adults walk with a reduced axial rotation, which:

- Negatively affects gait -
- Disturbs balance control -
- Increases fall risk -







"Thoracopelvic assisted movement training such as SET represents a great potential to improve balance and gait ability of elderly people with high fallrisk. "

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**Interventions** to improve walking ability can lead to increased quality of life







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