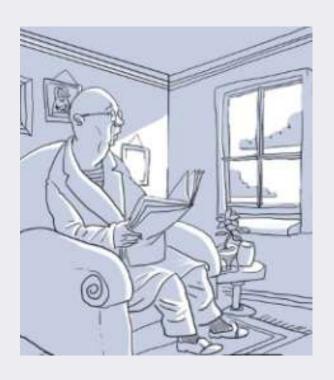
Co-creating an optimal implementation model for digital health solutions into community age care

The implementation of an eHealth fall prevention program

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Background



1. Concern of falling

You might start to feel worried or unsure on your feet - even if you haven't had a fall.

5. Loss of Confidence and Independence

This can lead to relying more on others, doing less on your own and feeling isolated.



Cycle of Concerns about Falling

4. Increased Risk of Falling

Feeling less steady on your feet means there's a greater chance of falling, even during everyday activities.

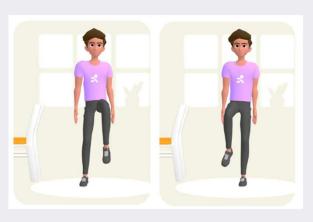
2. Avoiding Activities

That worry may lead you to stop doing things you enjoy—like walking outdoors, shopping, or visiting friends. Even simple tasks at home might start to feel too risky.

3. Losing Strength and Balance

When you move less, your muscles and balance can get weaker. This can make it harder to stay steady and safe.





Methodology

Aim

Co-design an optimal implementation model for digital health solutions into community aged care

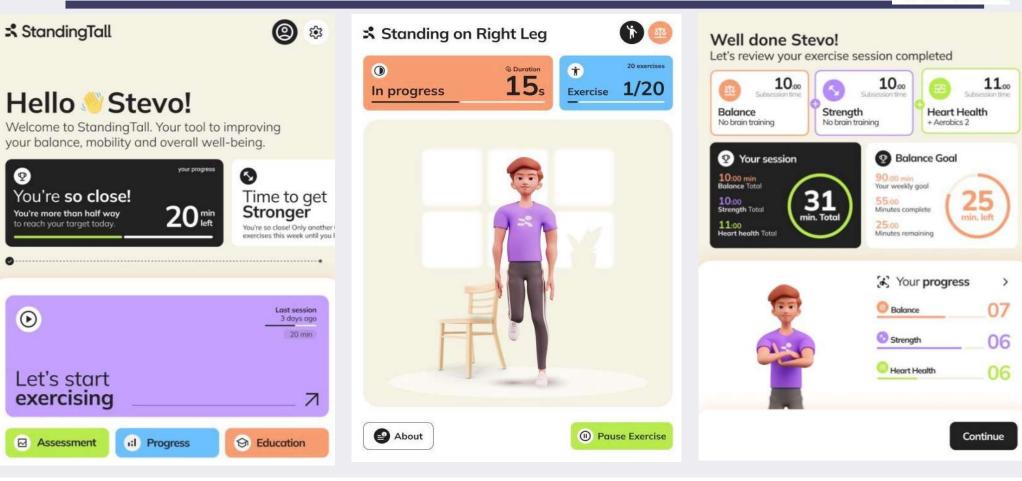
- Understand the barriers and facilitators associated with implementing a digital fall prevention solution into community aged care
- Select targeted strategies to address these barriers and develop an optimal implementation model to support the delivery of digital health programs in community aged care.



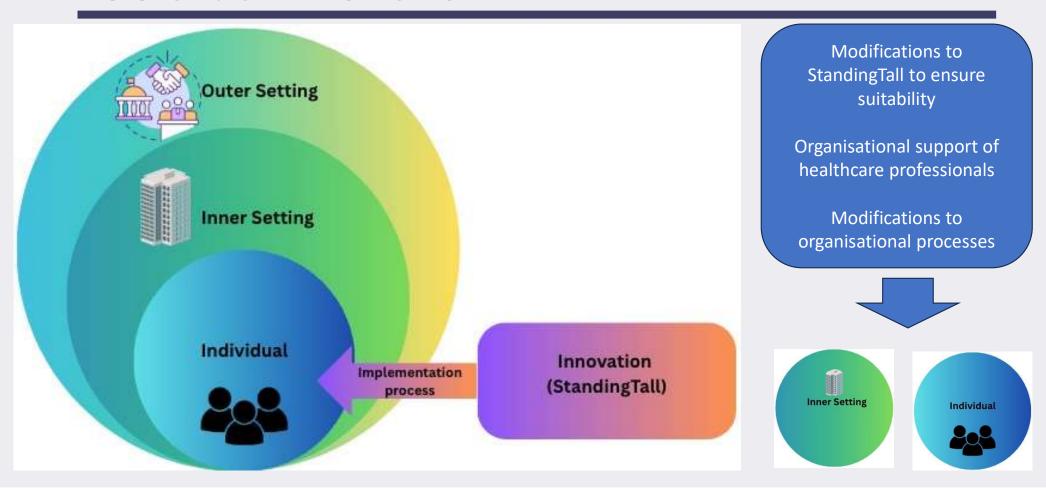
Outcome

the development of an optimal implementation model for implementing a digital health program into community aged care.

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Relevant CFIR Domains





Inner Setting Domain

"The device itself,
having access to it.
Most of our clients, I
mean a lot, don't barely
[sic] have a phone"

"One of my bugbears is that you take up a lot of time to do documentation, so if that can be built into it, if it helps with our documentation. To be able to write a comment in the StandingTall app and have it move into our EMR"

"A new thing comes along and you're like, where do I have time for this? How do I learn about this properly? Like a lot of our team is part time"

Physical infrastructure

"That's definitely of use, I think for some.
But for other's, they barely have a budget for a walker, and so I think that's great if you've got an unlimited budget"

Information technology and Work infrastructure

Funding



Inner Setting Domain

"I don't think it is the best tool for that program ... the person is overwhelmed, particularly at the start, but introducing it later is too late. You need us to actually introduce it at something like week four but I've got too many other things to do with them"

Tension for change and compatibility

"I have to go back to the client's care manager and say this is what I found.
These are the issues. This is what I recommend.
And they go, okay, budget will allow A, B, C but not 1, 2, 3"

Relative Priority

"They don't have time and don't want to know about projects or anything. They've got so much, like hundreds of clients"

"The issue around home care package clients is funding and getting permission to go in there. I don't really think the clinical care managers are going to go straight to StandingTall unfortunately"

Individual Domain



"I think with the clientele that we've got, most are 75, 80 plus, and while some are tech savvy, most well, I feel like that was a bit of a barrier for them"

Innovation Deliverer

"I don't think that the clients would need a huge amount, to be fair.
Not nearly as much as me, who sets it up would"

"That's another issue we're dealing with, how to best present exercises. There's the classic sketched two-dimensional picture. We've tried taking photos, but they're not professionally done, so they look kind of, you can't tell where the legs are, they blend into the background. We do the best we can"

Implementation strategies: CFIR-ERIC matching tool

Identify & Prepare Champions

Resident Experts will be identified and trained, local support, leadership, successful program use and reassurance to peers.

Build a Coalition

Secure organisational buy-in through involving Clinical Care Managers in planning decisions early, offer information sessions.

Promote Adaptability

The program should be offered as a flexible intervention, with options for delivery at different stages of care. Healthcare professionals should be able to tailor the program as needed.

Conduct Ongoing Training

Practical, hands-on small group training sessions will be offered to healthcare professionals. Refresher webinars and short ondemand video modules to support healthcare professionals.

Develop Educational Materials

Providing step-by-step guidance and troubleshooting resources. Accessible quick reference guides, instructional videos and FAQs. Materials should be codesigned.

Develop a Formal Implementation Blueprint

Guidance on when to introduce the program, how to assess client readiness, how to document in the EMR. Addresses funding pathways.

Implications and the next steps

Contributions to the literature

Digital fall prevention programs provide urgently needed benefits for community aged care, addressing the major preventable health burden - mobility impairment and falls

A co-designed structured, theory-informed approach to developing an implementation model

The model supports older people to improve mobility and safety at home

Policy

Need to formally recognise & fund digital health interventions

Embed support for technology access and training within home care package funding guidelines

Recommend ongoing evaluation of program outcomes (falls, mobility) to inform funding decisions and continuous improvement

Next Steps: Validate and refine the model via a six-month pilot study

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