

# Acronyms

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Scope

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### 1.2 Problem Definition

Games are becoming more and more important in the health sector. One specific genre of games is exercise games (exergames). In this assignment we will focus on the business opportunities and economics of games in the health sector, with special focus on exergames for rehabilitation and elderly. The work has been done in collaboration with Cyberlab, a company focusing on serious games for education and training. The work will provide input to an EU funded project focusing on elderly afraid of falling.

In particular, the following studies will be done:

- A background study of exergames in general and exergames for rehabilitation and elderly in particular.
- A description of specific business cases.
- Analyzing the business potential of this type of games in the health sector using Osterwalder business model.
- Miscellaneous aspects to consider about this type of game

## **1.3 About the Project**

This project assignment is based on an EU-funded project called "GameUp". The purpose of "GameUp" is to use technologies that are proved to improve motivation to encourage elderly to be more physically active. The goal is to sustain and enhance mobility in older persons so that they can live longer at home which will result in a better quality of life. To achieve this they want to increase physical activity capabilities in order to increase motivation and self-efficacy towards mobility. For making it convenient and easy to use, they will develop a platform for social and exercise games using low cost motion sensors and commercial modules and products [1].

This project is a European cooperation with different partners involved. One of these partners is Cyberlab, a small company located in Trondheim. They are working with developing simulators and simulation-based games primarily for technical education and training, but also for promotion and exemplification of technical products and services (nesten avskrift fra deres hjemmeside, [2]). Their work in the "GameUp" project is to develop an exercise game using Microsoft Kinect as a platform. (Tor-Ivar).

## **1.4 Limitation of Scope**

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## **1.5 Related Work**

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## **1.6 Outline**

# Chapter 2

## A Background Study

### 2.1 Fall Prevention and Rehabilitation Today

Physiotherapy is a science related to the medical field and central to this subject is body and movement. The theoretical basis for this subject is grounded in knowledge about science and society, and the recognition that different factors contribute to the maintenance of health. In addition to injuries and diseases, quality of life, experiences as well as social and cultural factors leads to pain and disability. This understanding along with practical and clinical knowledge forms the basis for evaluation of how disease and ailments of the musculoskeletal system can be treated and prevented. This subject can be described as examining, treating and preventive. Included are manual techniques, exercises and possible use of technical methods. This subject of physiotherapy is performed by and physiotherapist. Physiotherapists are traditionally working in the municipalities, hospitals and at private institutions, and they are working with both individual treatment and treatment in groups. The goal for physiotherapists is to make their patients' daily tasks and activities easier to manage. They focus on promoting patients changes to remove or alleviate pain, improve or maintain function in both short and long term. Prevention and rehabilitation emphasize that humans can use their physical, psychological and social resources [3] [4].

Elderly people consult physiotherapists in terms of rehabilitation after surgery, after a fall, stroke or other injuries, or when they feel health problems make it hard to perform everyday tasks. Physical therapy usually includes exercise with focus on increasing the patients' flexibility, endurance and strength. Physiotherapists' sets up customized training for each patient according to what kind of needs they have. Unfortunately, the time a patient spends with

the physiotherapists per week is not sufficient in order to become stronger or to recover from injuries. Therefore, one sees the need for patients to practice outside of these hours at the physiotherapists. Physiotherapists may give their patients exercises they can practice at home. However, not everyone is motivated to exercise on their own and many skip the weekly exercise that is scheduled for them. [4]

## 2.2 Video games in general

Video games are electronic games that involve human interaction with a user interface to generate visual feedback on a video device. (wikipedia foreløpig)

The first graphical computer game was created by A.S. Douglas in 1952. This was a single-player “game” based on a version of Tic-Tac-Toe and the title of the game was “OXO”. “OXO” was designed for academic purposes. Douglas wrote a PhD degree on Human-Computer interaction, and used feedback from the electronic “OXO” in his work [5]. Ralph Baer, a German-born television engineer, designed in 1967 the first video game console for use on standard television. “Chase” was the name of the game, and here two players were connected to a television where they controlled two squares which they used to chase each other [6]. Various features were added to this idea, and this ended up in 12 games known as the Brown Box. Baer introduced his idea to Magnavox, and in 1972 the first commercial video game called Magnavox Odyssey was produced. The Odyssey didn’t get very popular as many TV dealers did not see the games potential, and the market experienced a video-game crash. In 1985 the first Nintendo Entertainment System were released. Retailers were skeptical to marketing a new console soon after the video-game crash, but the games Nintendo introduced got popular, and soon Nintendo broke sale records and become the best-selling console in video-game history [7].

In the last 30 years there has been a great evolution in video games. Several popular games and consoles, like e.g. Gameboy and Playstation, has been developed, and today there exists a huge amount of various video games and consoles. Video games have become very popular, and in the US 65 percent of all households play video games. The majority of these gamers are players in the age of 18-49, and the average age for a gamer is in 2012 32 years. A maybe surprising fact is that there are more gamers over 50 than there are gamers under 18, and that as much as 2 out of 5 gamers are women. In 2010 the average gamer played video games 8 hours during a week, and in 2012

this is more than doubled, when gamers today spends 18 hours a week playing video games. Video games are used for different purposes, like education and learning, exercising or just pure entertainment [8] [9].

The Nintendo Wii is a one of many gaming consoles, and it is worldwide very popular. It has sold over 30 million units in the US and in Japan there has been sold almost 10 million sold. These numbers combined with the international market gives a total sale of Nintendo Wii of 65.32 million units. However, the best selling console ever is the Sony Playstation 2, with over 138 million units sold. The bestselling video game series is the Mario franchise, with a sales number of over 225 million games [9]. DFC Intelligence is a marked research and consulting firm which focus on interactive entertainment and game markets. The global market for video games had revenue of 67 billion dollars in 2012, and in DFC Intelligence's new reports they forecast that the global video game market is expected to reach 82 billion dollars in 2017. This number includes revenue from console hardware and software, PC games and games for mobile devices [10] [11].

## 2.3 Exercise Games

Digital games where exercise and game play are brought together are called exergames. Technology for tracking body movement, like motion sensors and remote controls, require the players to move which stimulates exercise. The combination of movement, fun and social interaction provides exergaming great potential for new business opportunities for the entertainment, recreation and healthcare sectors [12].

Today there exist numerous types of games and technologies, where Nintendo Wii, Dance Dance Revolution, Playstation Eye Toy and Xbox Kinect are some of the more familiar technologies. This genres of games has become very popular, and due to the growing interests one has seen it as relevant to study the use in regard of health and education. The technology these games provide can in an interesting way help provide health-related information to specified target groups [12]. In the past years exergames research has increased dramatically, and indications show that it will continue to do so [13]. Some research done on exergaming shows tremendous promise in academic, social and physical progress of youth using exergames. The health sector is now more focused on prevention of illness in stead of treatment, where this type of research can contribute to use of exergames in health care [12]. Games like Wii Sports and Dance Dance Revolution were designed to encourage



physical activity, but many currently available exergames were not designed for this purpose. The popularity of exergames and the increasing customer appeal will improve design principles and physical requirements [13].

### **2.3.1 Dance Dance Revolution**

Dance, Dance Revolution (DDR) is a series of video games created by Konami Corporation's Bemani music games division. DDR is a rhythmic dance simulation game and was first released as an arcade game in 1998. In few years it became very popular, and the game has had its appearance on several game console systems like Sony Playstation, Nintendo 64, Microsoft Xbox and Nintendo GameCube [14]. DDR uses a touch-sensitive dance pad with sensors to register movements, where one shall press the right sensors in proper time with electronic dance music. Arrows on-screen gives direction on how and when to move around. The DDR games have varying difficulty, requiring different levels of physical activity. GetUpMove.com is an information website about the use of PlayStation Dance Dance Revolution as a weight loss tool. This site was launched in 2004, and one of the highlighted stories was about a young woman who lost about 95 pounds by using DDR as an exercise tool. This and similar stories got widespread exposure, and consumers started to buy DDR solely for the purpose of exercise [14]. In 2003, 5 years after the first release, Konami announce that DDR has reached a total sale of 6,5 million units worldwide [15]. 8 years later, in 2011, the number of sold units had reached over 13 million, which is about 1 million units sold every year since the first release in 1998 [16].

### **2.3.2 PlayStation EyeToy**

In the early 2000s the PlayStation 2 EyeToy was released by Sony Inc. It was the first in this category of games to introduce a device that could translate human motions into a controller input and allow players to physically interact with virtual objects using their own body and without being connected to wires. [17]. Human body movements are translated real-time into the controller input by a USB camera and can also map the player's face onto in-game characters. Eye Toy is easy to set up and its applications offer a lot of different environment and can be played by one or more players [18].

### **2.3.3 PlayStation Move**

PlayStation 3 Move was released in September 2010. The PlayStation Move's interface consists of the Move Eye, a RGB camera with directive microphones,

and the Motion Controller, a wand with an illuminating sphere attached to it. The camera can detect the sphere and determine where the wand is, which allows the players to interact with the PlayStation 3 through motion and position. The sphere attached to the wand helps the camera to determine the distance from the wand to the camera and to track the controllers position in three dimensions. The wand is equipped with a three-axis accelerometer and a three-axis gyro sensor which are used to track rotation in overall motion and can also be used to detect if the wand is out of range (i.e. hidden behind the player back). It also consists of a geomagnetic sensor used to calibrate the wand's orientation against the Earth's magnetic field, which makes it possible to recognize the wand's position accurately. (hmmm... hvordan kan denne setningen skrives på en annen måte?) [19]. Up to four wands are supported at one time, which makes it possible for four players to play together. The color of the sphere can be changed to any color and is usually used to show what player is active and to give visual feedback [20]. The SDK is not made public, so its difficult for a third-party to make original applications [19].

### 2.3.4 Nintendo Wii

Nintendo Wii was released in 2006 as the first motion sensor game. Only one year and 20 million units sold later, it became the market leader of that times generation of consoles. It consists of a Wii remote, which is the primary controller and a secondary controller called Nunchuk. The Nunchuk is connected at the bottom of the Wii remote control [21]. The Wii remote contains 12 buttons, a 3-axis accelerometer, a high-resolution highspeed IR camera, a speaker, a vibration motor, and wireless Bluetooth connectivity. Each Wii remote has a IR camera sensor on its tip. The camera ship can track up to four simultaneous IR light with high resolution and high speed. The accelerometer within the remote control provides the Wi remote's motion-sensing capability. The Wii remote has a total of 12 buttons and the buttons are arranged symmetric so that both hands can be utilized. A vibrator motor, LED lights and a small speaker are used for different kinds of user feedback, like varying light strength and sound-effects. The four LED lights are also used to indicate the different players ID. Communication is sent over the wireless Bluetooth connections, which enables up to four controllers to be connected at the same time. The users of Nintendo Wii can make their own personal profile, called Mii, where the data of the player will be directly connected up on the remote used. To operate, the remote needs two AA batteries [21] [22]. By December 2010 over 75 million Wii consoles were sold. To complete the original system with improved accuracy and response time, Nintendo made an enhanced version, Wii Motion Plus, which was released

in November 2009 [23]. There are several SDKs for Nintendo Wii open, which makes it possible for a third party to develop applications which utilize the controller [19].

### **2.3.5 Wii Balance Board**

The Wii Balance board is an add-on accessory for the Wii Fit, which is a video game created by Nintendo to work with the Wii platform. Just like the Wii Remote controller, the balance board can read your body movements and give them back on the screen as you are playing [24]. The balance board contains multiple pressure sensors which track body movements. The board has a area of 551 mm \* 316 mm. A third party can also build applications for the balance board using the SDK WiimoteLib [19]. It has been shown that game-based balance programs like Wii Balance Board compared to traditional training is easier, more motivating and more enjoyable [25].

### **2.3.6 Xbox 360 Kinect**

Microsoft Kinect was released in 2010 and became quickly extremely popular. Only 25 days after its release it had sold 2.5 million units and by January 2012 Xbox 360 had sold over 66 million consoles and more than 18 million Kinect motion sensors [23], [26]. Microsoft Kinect is a flexible low-cost motion sensor device for the Xbox 360 game console and for Windows PCs that can track human motion. It is a webcam-based add-on peripheral for the console, which enables the user to play and interact with the game without physically holding a sensor device. Instead the player can interact with the game console through a natural user interface using gestures and voice commands ( [27], siste setning kanskje litt avskrift.. se på senere). The device gives full-body 3D motion capture capabilities and gesture recognition by help of a RGB camera and a depth sensor [27]. One advantage with Kinect is that it has an interface that senses players various motions and it also senses other objects in the field, which makes a natural environment where the players can interact with virtual objects in the real world. [19]. Another advantage is that its possible for a third party to write application for Kinect. Kinect for Windows SDK was released in June 2011 and enables developers to build Kinect applications with C++, C# or Visual Basic using Microsoft Visual Studio 2010 [28].

## 2.4 Using Exergames for Fall Prevention and Rehabilitation: A background Study

Games are becoming popular as a tool for exercise and rehabilitation. There have been a lot of different studies done on how some of the previous described types of exergames can be used for this. Most of the studies have been done on adolescents, but there also exists some research done directly on elderly. In this section we will review some of the interesting findings we did.

Taylor et al. [25] did a study where they searched through already done studies to draw a picture on how games can be used for exercise and rehabilitation. They reviewed some of the interesting findings they did in their paper. From the studies they reviewed they found a trend; the Energy Expenditure (EE) while playing Wii was greater than when doing sedentary activities, but not greater than brisk walking. This suggests that playing Wii sports could not replace real sports activities. Playing DDR on the other hand, maximum heart rate and oxygen consumption were greater compared with Wii Tennis, suggesting that DDR can substitute physical activity. In their research they also found a study on what attitudes people have against DDR to encourage exercise. 40 postmenstrual women, aged 45-75 years old were asked. The overall attitude were positive; The game was fun and it gave a potential to improve coordination. They also expressed a concern about a long learning process. It is also found that playing against a human gave greater arousal ratings and physiological responses to gaming than when playing against a computer, which benefit the enjoyment, suggesting that this can be beneficial for older people. From their study they can conclude that computer-based rehabilitation is not a new phenomenon and that one of the main reasons for this is that games have the ability to increase motivation and produce distraction from daily, boring and painful treatments. Wii is seen as an attractive game for rehabilitation, both at home or in institutions. Wii is actually already in use within the National Health Service in UK and is commonly used for the elderly and patients with pathologies. [25]

Another study they found was that non-disabled elderly (70 +/- 5,7 years) was positive to the EyeToy; they enjoyed it and found it easy to use. For patients with stroke it appeared to be less suitable, which could be even worse if they had to hold on to a controller. This suggests that EyeToy is more suitable for patients with stroke than for example Wii. (litt usikker om vi bør ta dette fra den original kilden eller ikke) Even though these these type

of games are initially meant as entertainment systems, there are a number of studies that have used the hardware and developed software to turn for example the Wii into a useful rehabilitation tool. The importance of these games are entertainment that motivates for actual sports. This is very important in for example rehabilitation. [25]

Staiano and Calvert write about how exergames are more and more used in the health sector. Gaming consoles are already integrated into equipments at gyms and health clubs. An example is Concept 2's rowing machine. Here the people exercising are motivated through competition and through virtual trainers who monitor their progress and encouraging them to proceed to the next level. Also some schools are starting to integrate these games into their curriculum. In all of West Virginia's 765 public schools they have integrated DDR in their physical education. This has proven to be very effective and popular and some students lost 5-10 pounds after playing DDR daily. [29].

Williams et al. did a study to see if exergames, more specifically Nintendo WiiFit, was an applicable type of exercise to reduce the falling statistics of community-dwelling people over 70 years. A group who attended WiiFit exercise sessions was compared with a group who went to a local falls group. 77 percent of the participants meant that if the exercise programme was more available people like themselves would use it. 92 percent of the participants expressed that they wanted to exercise with the WiiFit in the future, while 61percent would choose to exercise with the WiiFit rather than attend a falls group. An improvement in Berg Balance Scale (BBS)<sup>1</sup> at 4 weeks was seen in the group that played WiiFit, meaning that there is a potential to improve balance in this population. Despite this, there was no change in The Falls Efficacy Scale - International (FES-I)<sup>2</sup> at 4 weeks. The qualitative data for the group that played WiiFit showed improved confidence for the participants. The conclusion of the study is that WiiFit is acceptable in older people with a history of falls and that it has the potential to improve balance and confidence. Further work has to be done to find and develop an acceptable exercise programme with the potential to improve balance in older individuals. [30]

Chang et al. did a study where they prototyped a Kinect game that was designed to help motivate people with motor disabilities to do their exercise

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<sup>1</sup>Berg Balance Scale (BBS), a performance based measure using 14 activities of daily living (range 0-56) [30]

<sup>2</sup>The Falls Efficacy Scale - International (FES-I)  
(<http://ageing.oxfordjournals.org/content/34/6/614.short>)

more frequently and to improve the motor proficiency and quality of life. Because of the inconvenience of having to wear sensors in some of the other relevant technologies, Chang et al. chose to use Kinect. They developed a game, called “Kinerehab”, that was meant to assist therapists in rehabilitating students in public school settings. To detect the students’ movements Kinerehab uses image processing technology of Kinect. To engage and motivate the student for physical rehabilitation, the system is made with an interactive interface that has both audio and video feedback. For making it easy for therapists to review the progress of each students quickly, the system also includes details of students rehabilitation conditions which is automatically recorded in the system. Two students, a 16 year old girl diagnosed with having acquired muscle atrophy and insufficient muscle endurance, and a 17 year old boy diagnosed with cerebral palsy, were chosen to participate in the study. The girl used a wheelchair and could only stand up with assistance. The study included two phases: a baseline phase where no assistive technology was applied, and the intervention phase where the Kinerehab was used. Both phases were done twice, beginning with the baseline phase, continuing with the intervention phase and so on. In both phases the same exercises were done. The result showed that both participants increased the number of correct movements significantly in the intervention phase. On average the the correct movements was 49 in the first baseline phase (5 sessions), while 170 in the first intervention phase (11 sessions). Both students indicated that the game motivated them to do the exercises and that they wanted to continue using it. The therapists said it would increase their workload a lot. This suggests that Kinect can be a viable rehabilitation tool, but further work, where more people with disabilities participate, should be done. [27]

# Chapter 3

## Motivation

### 3.1 The Problem of Falls

Falls are very common in the older population. Even though it does not necessarily seem like a very serious event, it is actually the leading cause of injury in older people. Fall is considered a public health problem because of the serious consequences for the person falling and their considerable cost to the country [31]. It is estimated that around 30 percent of people over 65 years old and almost 50 percent of people over 80 years old fall at least once a year. 1/10 of these falls results in fracture and one-fifth needs medical treatment. Other serious outcomes of a fall include pain, trauma and impaired function [31]. The worse outcome of a fall is death. 25 percent of elderly getting hip fracture after a fall, dies within a year [32] [33]. It is shown that after a fall one-third will be afraid of falling again. Being afraid of falling makes them insecure which can result in an even bigger risk of falling. For many elderly, the fear of falling can result in them being less active and a loss of confidence in carrying out everyday activities. This can result in fear of leaving their house, which can lead to total inactivity. The latter is a serious problem because a long time of inactivity will result in disabilities and increased risk of falling. Therefore it is important to find ways to activate the elderly and to offer a service that can prevent the elderly from developing disabilities [32]. Another issue is that missing the ability to carry out everyday activity can result in loneliness and even depression (site dette?). Falls are also resulting in an increase in economic costs, including both the acute treatment after a fall and often also in long-term care. [31]

## 3.2 Existing Prevention Programs

To prevent developing disabilities elderly should regularly perform a training program that strengthen their muscles, improve balance and coordination, endurance and mobility [32]. These kind of training programs are offered in Trondheim. There has been established various fitness groups; do you want to get back in shape and become physically stronger? do you feel unsteady and see the need for better balance? Do you manage less now than you did a year ago? Do you find it difficult to go outside? These fitness groups find place at various locations around Trondheim and are offered 1-2 hours one day a week. In addition there exists senior dance, walking groups and water gymnastics [34]. These activities are good initiatives, but when the main problem for Olga is that she's afraid to go outside, how will she manage to engage in these fitness groups? It is also shown that 2 hours a week with physical activity is not nearly enough to increase Olga's physical strength [32]. Regular physical activity is the key to become physically stronger and obtain better balance.

Trondheim municipality did a study where they provided a once a week group training program for elderly. Their study showed that training once a week did not improve physical function for the participants, but the participants expressed that they were less afraid of falling after starting with the group training. The study suggests that this kind of program should be combined with home training programs or other extra physical training offerings [32].

We found that there are already some offered training programs for elderly that can be implemented in their home:

The "*Otago*"-program is a program developed as a home training program for elderly to prevent falls. It consists of exercises that take about 30 minutes to complete which should be performed three times a week in addition to a walk twice a week. Each customer receives a booklet with instructions for the individual exercises prescribed in addition to ankle cuff weights. The participants needs to record the days they complete the program for follow-up purposes. For follow-up an instructor should do home visits every six months and telephone them every month. The instructor can then increase the difficulty in the prescribed exercises for each individual. The program has been tested and evaluated for 1016 home living people aged 65 to 97. The program was shown to reduce falls and falls related injuries with 35 percent, with the highest effect on those over 80 years old and those that have had a



previous fall. The participants experienced improved strength and balance, as well as they maintained their confidence so it was easier for them to do everyday activities without being afraid of falling. [31] [32]

*Falls Management Exercise* (FaME) is an exercise program consisting of tailored group and home-based exercises and builds on the core exercises from the “Otago”-program. There are a total of three group training sessions per week, in addition to two home-training sessions per week. The exercise intervention is designed to improve participants dynamic balance and core and leg strength. In the United Kingdom a study was done where they examined the effectiveness of this program for home-living women aged 65 or older who had already fallen 3 or more times within the previous year. After using FaME for 36 weeks the fall rate was reduced by one-third. The conclusion of the study was that the exercise program should last for at least 36 weeks including at least 2 hours of training per week. For progression it is important that the intensity, resistance, and weight are continually increased, as well as the balance gets challenge. [35]

*Øvelsesbanken* is a Scandinavian project providing a user profile with different training programs. The different exercises are developed from the two previous described concepts and other relevant studies on balance and exercising for elderly. The program gives an idea on how you can put together an exercise program customized for each individual. It is primarily made as a tool for physiotherapists for putting together training programs for their patients to do at home. As we see it, it can also be used as a tool for each individual to put together their own program, because you can also log in as a private user and make your own program. The program offers the user a choice of different exercises that you can add to your exercise program. When all exercises are chosen you can print out pdf-files with pictures and descriptions or you can read from the computer screen. It is an easy, self-explanatory and straightforward program to use. *Øvelsesbanken* is in use in Scandinavia and the summer of 2012 it had reached 4300 users. [36]

### 3.3 Exergames used as a Exercise tool

The new generation of video games that combine game play and physical activity is called exergames, and it has shown promise in effecting users health in a positive direction [37]. Exergames has proved to be motivating

because of its easy understanding, accessibility and fun. This type of games are suitable for people in various age groups because most of the games does not require any prior knowledge of either computers or video games [38]. Use of exergames is also an important factor to the social aspect, because of the possibility of playing with others, something that will be entertaining for elderly who are often alone and experience loneliness as a part of the everyday life [39]. It has also been shown that this type of exercise improves moods [29]. The feeling of accomplishment users get from reaching goals, completing exercises and being in physical activity increases the users mood. This combined with the social interaction you get from playing provides a desire to play again [39] [29]. Exergames has shown promise in rehabilitation of balance after stroke and damage to the spine. The use of exergame also has an appropriate use in exercise and rehabilitation, because the fun and challenges you get through the game could take the focus away from boredom and any physical pain [39] [40]. Today there exist numerous games of this type, but very few commercial games are suitable for the focused, controlled exercise required for therapy [40]. The existing games are unfortunately too complicated, too rapidly and too difficult to handle for the elderly, and they have too complex and cumbersome consoles [39].

### 3.4 Example Case

78 year old Olga lives in her own apartment in central Trondheim. Everything she might need is situated in the area, but lately she has started to feel unsteady and has trouble keeping her balance, making sure she does not go out more than necessary. Trondheim is also very icy most of the winter, which increases Olga's fear for falling. Basically, Olga is a very social person, but there has been little contact with friends and other people in general lately because of the fear of going out. Olga has no close family nearby. Beside the unsteadiness, Olga is well and without any physical pain, and thus has no need for physiotherapists. Olga has a great desire to be more steady on her feet so that she can gain an increased social contact, and particularly increase her confidence.

Olga has a grandson who is very into video games. Once a year he is visiting his her and every time he tells her about the different games he is playing. Sometimes he also brings the games to her house to play there, and she is watching enthusiastically. One time he told her about a new game he got for his birthday, a game where he did not need any controllers, but could only stand in front of the TV screen making movements that would appear on the

screen. He also told her about how you could get different exercise games for the controllers and that this started to get very popular in the general population. Olga thinks this sounds very interesting, but at the same time it is too intimidating for her to even consider to buy.

Two months later, Olga feels that she has become weaker after being inactive for so long. Her daughter recommends her visiting a physiotherapist. The clinic is only a couple blocks away from her house, but everyday before her appointment she is worrying about how she will get there. When the day arrives, she is so anxious that she ends up ordering a taxi.

The physiotherapist meets her in the door, and follows her to his office. After being examined the physiotherapist introduces her to a new project they have just started at his clinic. He tells about an exercise program as a video game that is specially made for elderly people. At first it will just be provided at the clinic, but eventually, if the use of the game is a success, they plan to offer it for patients to rent or buy. The program will contain one playing session a week, and will be played by up to four players. At first, Olga is very sceptical, but then she suddenly remembers her grandson playing a similar game in her living room a couple of months ago. She is thinking that even though the game looks very intimidating at first sight, here she will at least get some assistance. She decides to sign up, but has one concern. How will she get to the clinic? The physiotherapist tells her that as part of the program, they will offer the participants transportation to the meetings until they feel confident getting there themselves. The main goal for the game is to strengthen muscles and improve balance, so after a while the participants should see improvements.

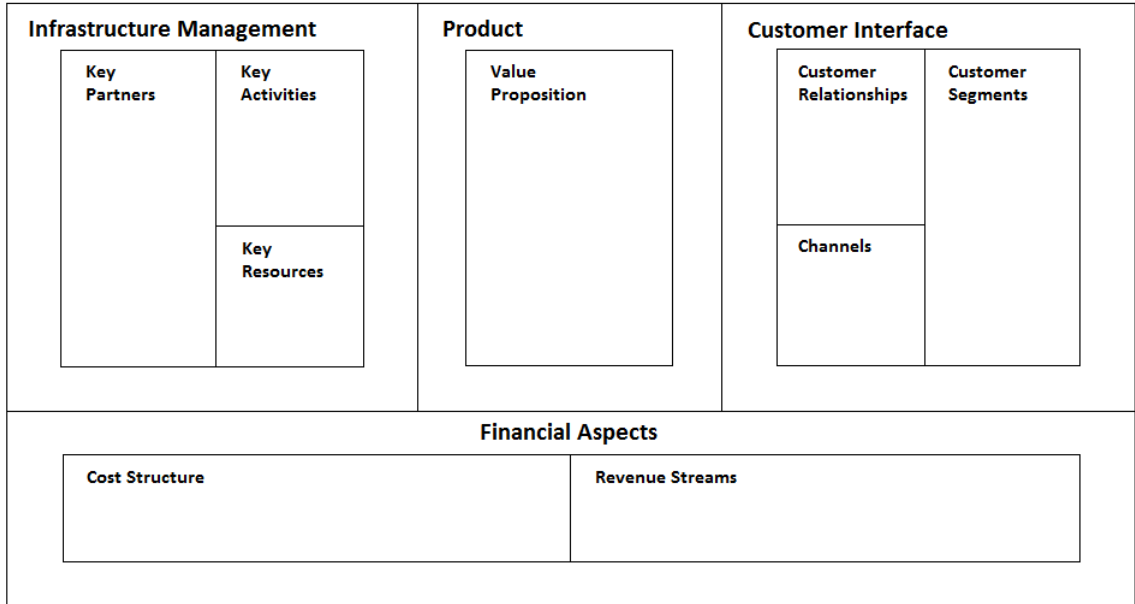
One week later, Olga visits her first meeting. None of the participants in her group have tried the game before, so everyone gets an thoroughly introduction. Then they start playing. Olga thinks the game is self-explanatory and very easy to understand, and she get through the first level without any problem. A physiotherapist is watching them at all times and is guiding them through the game. After the session is over, Olga is tired, but she feels good. What she liked most about the game was how fun it was to compete with the other participant. They motivated and engaged each other. She is already looking forward to the next session.

## Chapter 4

# Osterwalder's Business Model Ontology

We have decided to use Osterwalder's Business Model Ontology for the analysis of the case. Osterwalder defines a business model like this "A business model describes the rationale of how an organization creates, delivers, and capture values" [41]. Osterwalder came up with a way to describe business models through nine building blocks. Going through these building blocks allows us to describe and think through the business model of any enterprise by covering four main areas of a business: Product, Customer Interface, Infrastructure Management and Financial Aspects. The nine different building blocks are: Customer Segments, Value Propositions, Channels, Customer Relationships, Revenue Streams, Key Resources, Key Activities, Key Partnerships and Cost Structure. The nine business model elements are the core of the model, see Figure 4.1. In this chapter we will go through every of the nine building blocks in more detail. [41]

Figure 4.1: The Business Model Canvas [modified from [41]]



## 4.1 Product

Product is what the company offers to its customer and how it differentiates itself from its competitors. This area covers the building block Value Proposition [42].

### 4.1.1 Value Proposition

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Value Propositions Building Block describes the bundle of products and services that create value for a specific Customer Segment" [41]. This is what the organization actually offers to their customer or customer segments and are suppose to satisfy the customers needs. It might be different value propositions for the different customer segments. The values can be both quantitative and qualitative, meaning that the value can rely on for example price or on design. The value propositions have to be so good that the organization's defined customer segments turn to them over another company. It can be either something new, an improvement of already existing products or services, customized products and services or simply just helping a customer to get a certain job done. Something to also

consider is design and brand. These two aspects are more important in some type of products than other. It is also important to compare price levels with their competitors. A common way to satisfy the needs of the customer is to offer them the same value to a lower price. The firm can also keep-up with the market price, offer luxury goods to a higher price or simply offer a Value Proposition for free. For the latter, the model is based on an other source of income, for example advertising.

There are different ways of creating value for the Customer. By reducing the cost, this will for most customer be experienced as valuable. Also reducing the risk when buying something, by for example offering them one-year guarantee is very satisfactory for customers. Other ways of creating value are to make products and services available for customers that did not have access to them before and to make products and services easier and more convenient to use. [41]

## **4.2 Customer Interface**

Customer Interface covers everything that have to do with customers: who they are, what kind of relationship the firm has with them and how the firm reach out to them. The three building block covered by this area are thus: Customer, Channel and Customer Relationships, described below. [42]

### **4.2.1 Customer Segments**

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Customer Segments Building Block defines the different groups of people or organizations an enterprise aims to reach and serve" [41]. To make a good business, you have to understand who the business are meant to create value for, which is all about segmentation. It is important to carefully choose the most important customers and to focus on them and their needs. A business can have more than one customer segment, but they can not always serve all segments. Therefore a careful valuation has to be done to choose the organizations most important segment(s). [41] [42]

A firm can deliver a value Proposition to different types of Customer Segments. They can choose to not distinguish between customer segments and rather focus on the mass market, they can distinguish their customers into segments with slightly different needs or problems, or sharpen it even more by targeting a niche market with specialized customers. The firm can also serve unrelated Customer Segments or even independent Customer segments. [41]

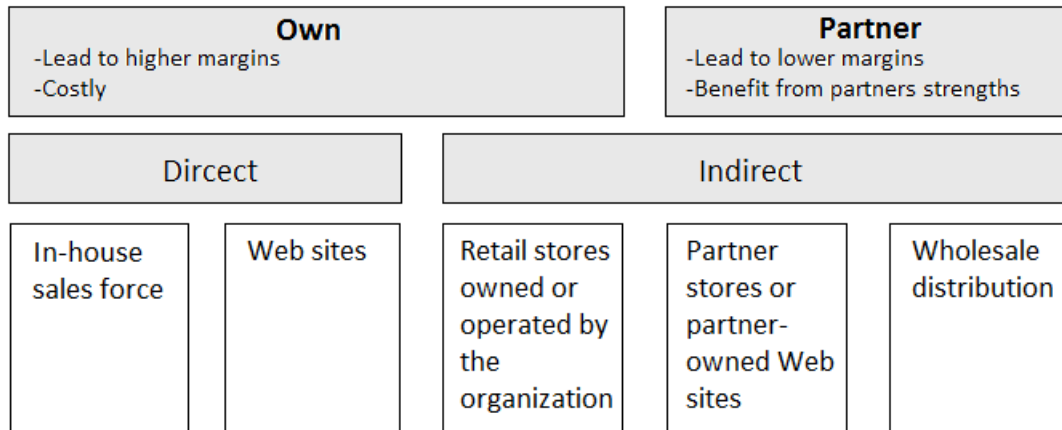
## 4.2.2 Channels

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Channel Building Block describes how a company communicates with and reaches its Customer Segments to deliver a Value Proposition" [41]. This is about finding the best and most cost-efficient way of reaching the right customers, at the right place and right time [42]. We distinguish between five channel phases, shown in figure 4.2. A channel should be studied over all these phases. It is important for an organization to think about how the customers want to be reached in all of these phases and how the channels can be integrated with the customers routines. The way the organization communicates with the customers is an important role in the customer experience. The value proposition can be delivered either directly, through for example sales force, or indirectly through intermediaries. They can also be delivered through owned channels, partner channels or a mix of both, see figure 4.3 ... Her har jeg tatt bort det med links.. [42].

Figure 4.2: The 5 Channel Phases [modified from [41] [42]]

Channel Phases				
<b>1. Awareness</b> <i>How to raise awareness about the company's products or services</i>  <i>How to get the customers attention</i>  <i>How to get customers interested in evaluating the company's value proposition</i>	<b>2. Evaluation</b> <i>Match customers needs with the company's value proposition</i>  <i>Reduce customer's search costs</i>  <i>Let the customer test the value proposition</i>	<b>3. Purchase</b> <i>How the company allow customers to buy the product or services</i>  <i>Make the transaction process more efficient and more convenient for the customer</i>	<b>4. Delivery</b> <i>How is the product or service delivered from companies to customers</i>  <i>Make this process convenient for the customer</i>	<b>5. After Sales</b> <i>Provide additional value through tools, such as electronic manuals, FAQs and customer support</i>

Figure 4.3: Channel Types [modified from [41]]



### 4.2.3 Customer Relationships

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Customer Relationships Building Block describes the types of relationships a company establishes with specific Customer Segments" [41]. The customer relationship is very important for the customers overall experience. This can range from personal assistance, where a real customer representative communicates with the customer, to a more automated service, where typically the customer helps himself, to a more community based service that allows customer to exchange experiences with each other. For every type of Customer Segments defined, the organization has to keep in mind what kind of relationship the Customer wishes to have. At the same time, the organization has to keep in mind how this relationship is integrated with the rest of their business model and how costly they are. The Customer Relationship is based on customer equity. There are three different customer equity goals: customer acquisition, customer retention and boosting sales (upselling).

- *Acquisition:* A company needs customers to do business. The customer acquisition is a very expensive affair and must be carefully managed and evaluated because the relationship developed with its customers will strongly influence the two next equity goals [42].
- *Retention:* "The goal of customer retention is to leverage customer acquisition investments. "i-skriver om. The customer acquisition is usually more expensive than customer retention. Because of this ways to



extend the duration of the relationships between the company and its (profitable) customer should be found. High switching costs is an element that can help retention. This means that the cost of ending the relationship and building a new one is so high that the customer does not want to switch [42].

- *Boosting sales (upselling)*: This means adding on to your initial sale with additional products and services [42].

## 4.3 Infrastructure Management

Infrastructure management describes the companies capabilities and resources that are necessary to deliver the value proposition and maintain customer interface. This block also describes who provides and own the capabilities and resources, as well as who executes the activities and the relationship between them [42].

### 4.3.1 Key Resources

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Key Resources Building Block describes the most important assets required to make a business model work" [41]. This means all the resources you need to make all the 4 described building blocks work. The resources can be physical (e.g. buildings and machines), intellectual (e.g. brands, patents and copyrights), human (for example in an industry where knowledge is in particular important) and financial (e.g. cash). The company does not need to have all the resources within their organization, they (bedre ord for "de"?) can also be acquired from outside the company. A Resource can be linked to one or more Activities (described below).

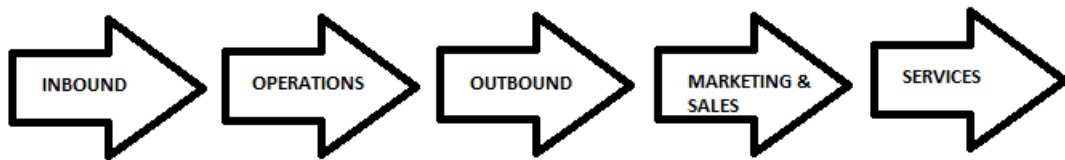
### 4.3.2 Key Activities

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Key Activities Building Block describes the most important things a company must do to make its business model work" [41]. This means all the actions that have to be done to make all the 4 first building blocks described work and to generate profit. The main purpose of a company is the creation of value that customers are willing to pay for. This value is the outcome of a configuration of inside and outside activities and processes. Depending on what kind of company it is the configurations can be categorized as a *Value Chain*, a *Value Shop* or a *Value Network*. Osterwalder distinguish between primary and support activities.

Primary activities are involved in the creation of the value proposition and its marketing and delivery. Support activities are the underlying activities that have to be in-place for the primary activities to take place (e.g. firm infrastructure, technology. All the three different types of configurations have different primary activities, as described in figures 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6 [42]:

*Value Chain:*

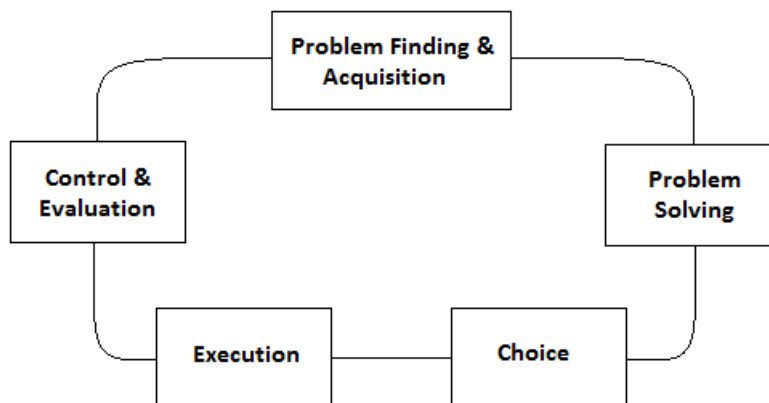
Figure 4.4: Value Chain (5 primary activities) [modified from [42]]



This is all about how a firm creates value from taking an input, transforming it to the final product (refined output), distribute the product to the customers and maintain the product. At each step there are added value (e.g. production and manufacturing)

*Value Shop:*

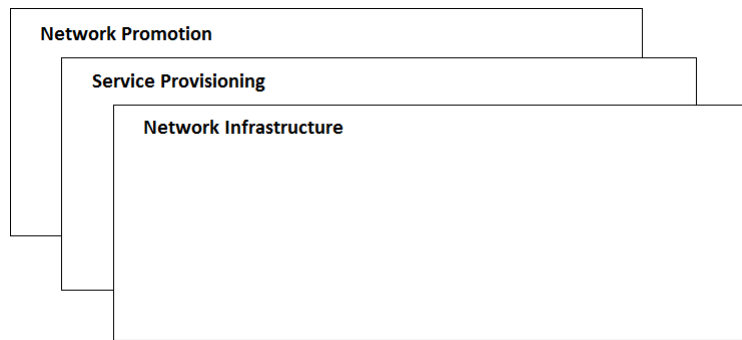
Figure 4.5: Value Shop (5 primary activities) [42]



This figure describes how a firm can create value for its customers by understanding their problem and finding a solution for it (e.g. consultancies and doctors).

*Value Network:* This is about network effects, which means that the more people a network has the more value it gets. (e.g. banks and telecom operators). It consists of getting potential customers to the network, establishing links between customers and billing for value received, and maintaining and running a physical and information infrastructure so it is ready to serve customers requests.

Figure 4.6: Value Network (3 primary activities) [42]



### 4.3.3 Key Partnerships

Osterwalder’s definition is: “The Key Partnerships Building Block describes the network of suppliers and partners that make the business model work” [41]. Not always can a company do everything on their own. The motivation for creating partnerships can be divided in three:

1. *Optimizing their business model:* Sometimes it is not profitable for a company to own all resources and do everything in-house. Cooperating with other firms can reduce costs and optimize the allocation of resources and activities.
2. *Reduce risk:* In a very competitive market it can be safer to cooperate with the competitors in one area, even though they are competing in another.
3. *Acquire resources:* Usually it is not very profitable for a company to have all resources and to have the knowledge to do all the activities. Cooperating with other firms by buying/lending resources is often more profitable than having everything in-house. [41]

## 4.4 Financial Aspects

All of the other blocks already described influence this last block in the framework, thus this block is an outcome of the rest of the business model configuration. This area covers the Revenue Streams and Cost Structure elements [42]

### 4.4.1 Revenue Streams

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Revenue Streams Building Block represents the cash a company generates from each Customer Segment" [41]. This is where the company earns its money. It is important to keep in mind what the customers are willing to pay, as well as what they are currently paying. A firm can have one or more revenue streams where each revenue stream can have different pricing mechanisms, shown in table blabla. There are several ways of generating revenue streams, including asset sale (e.g. selling a car), usage fee (e.g. customer pays his telecom operator for the minutes he has spend on the phone), subscription fee (e.g. users of Spotify pay a monthly fee to access Spotify Premium), renting (e.g. renting a car for the weekend), licensing (e.g. companies have to pay a license fee to get access to a patented technology), brokerage fee (e.g. a seller earn a commision each time they sell something.. sjekk denne), and advertising (e.g. newspapers take a fee for companies who wants to promote a specific product or service in their newspaper).

The pricing mechanism chosen is very important and can make a huge difference on how much revenue that is generated. Osterwalder distinguish between two types of pricing mechanisms: fixed and dynamic pricing, where fixed pricing means that the prices are based on static variables, while dynamic means that prices changes with market conditions. [41] TABELL: PRICING MECHANISMS s 33 i boka

### 4.4.2 Cost Structure

Osterwalder's definition is: "The Cost Structure describes all costs incurred to operate a business model" [41]. The costs in the business model come from Key Resources, Key Activities and Key Partnerships. The book [41] defines two cost structures: cost-driven business model, which focus on minimizing costs, and value-driven business model, which are focussing on value creation by for example making personalized services. Despite of if the model is cost-driven or value-driven the costs can have different cost structures, shown in

figure 4.7 [41].

Figure 4.7: Different cost structures

Cost Structure	
Fixed costs	Costs stay the same regardless of the volume
Variable costs	Costs depends on volume
Economies of scale	Less cost as output increases
Economies of scope	Less cost due to a larger scope of operations

# Chapter 5

## Business Model for the Kinect Based Exercise Game

### 5.1 Product

#### 5.1.1 Value Proposition

### 5.2 Customer Interface

#### 5.2.1 Customer Segments

#### 5.2.2 Channels

#### 5.2.3 Customer Relationships

### 5.3 Infrastructure Management

This section is about how Cyberlab creates value. What resources needed and what activities that have to be preformed are described here, as well as if they will get them in-house or from a partner.

#### 5.3.1 Key Resources

In this section we will describe all the resources needed to make the business model work. The resources are divided into 4 different types, described in table 5.1.

<b>Type of Resource</b>	<b>Resource</b>
<i>Intellectual</i>	Insight and experience with fall problematic in elderly
	Programming skills
	Creativity
<i>Physical</i>	Premises
	Equipments, i.e. desks and computers
	Microsoft Xbox HW
	Working Environment
	Internet Connections
<i>Human</i>	System Developers, i.e. programmers and interaction designers
	Administration, i.e. marketers, customer related tasks
	Support Person(s)
<i>Financial</i>	The European Union

Table 5.1: Different types of resources

#### *Intellectual*

The developers needs insight and knowledge about different exercises that will strengthen muscles and improve balance in elderly. A thorough background study and research have to been conducted to acquire this knowledge. When they have enough knowledge to form the foundation of an exercise program, they can start to get creative. Creativity is needed to make the game entertaining and east to understand and conduct. In addition to that, good programming competencies is needed to develop the game. To make it as cost-efficient as possible, an experienced team should be put together.

#### *Physical*

To be able to conduct this project, the team need premises with everything that comes with it, like desks, chairs, computer, internet connection, light etc. Cyberlab is an already established business, so we can assume they already have these premises and equipments established. For this project, they will need specific hardware. The hardware consists of Xbox 360 console and Kinect sensor. In addition an environment where the game can be developed is needed.

#### *Human*

Programming skills and creativity are already described above as intellectual resources. So system developers and interaction designers are needed. An administration is needed for marketing, customer related tasks and resource management. When the game is finished it needs to be operated and main-

tained. These tasks can be done by one or more of the system developers.

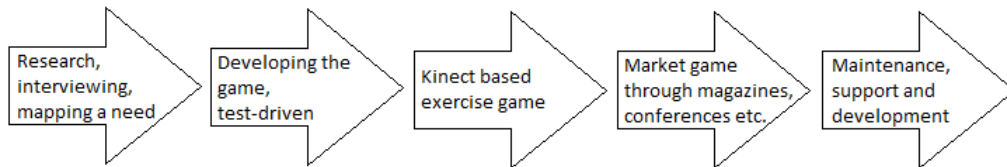
#### *Finance*

This project is financed by the European Union.

### 5.3.2 Key Activities

The game can be described as Value Chain, which means transforming inputs to a final product. From the knowledge and experience they have acquired the company wants to make a product as good and price-competitive so that their customers would choose their product instead of a product with similar value. A description of the different stages in the value chain is depicted in figure 5.1. In some way it is also be thought of a kind of Value Shop, because they are in some way solving a problem for a specific customer segment. To do this, they will work in an iterative way, where they will have to test and evaluate the game during the development process. The users have to be involved during the development. Activities that need to be done include research, development, testing, maintenance and updates, support, marketing and administrative tasks.

Figure 5.1: Value chain for the Kinect based game [modified from [42]]



### 5.3.3 Key Partnerships

The main partner in this project is the partnership with the Microsoft Xbox. There are several reasons for this. First of all, they need the approval that they are allowed to develop games for their video game console, and second, they need Microsoft Xbox' hardware and development environment. They will also have to form an agreement with Microsoft Xbox on how they can sell the product.

As mentioned in the introduction, this project is a collaboration between many different entities, where Norut, a national research group, is one of



them. Their job in this project is to provide Cyberlab with . . . . . finne ut av dette.....

Physiotherapists are their customer segment, but they can also serve as a partner. Becoming partners with different clinics, will make the the marketing and selling easier, because then the actual customer believes in it.

If professionals, physiotherapists believes in this, then the government should believe in it. Getting this game into a medical program financed by the government will make this game very credible for the end user. The Government could then provide the game to hospitals, care centers, physiotherapy clinics, training groups, and for special cases, when the elderly for example stays in their own house.

Becoming partners with the Norwegian Government will first require that the physiotherapists believes in it, so they will first have to join the team. But it is not a requirement that physiotherapists become a partner. But some kind of collaboration has to be established with the physiotherapists. This will typically happen in the research, - development -and testing phase.

Having the Norwegian Government as a partner will solve some of the financial issues. Most hospitals, physiotherapy clinics and training groups are managed and financed by the Government. With them believing in the game and including it as a helping tool that will prolong and improve elder's life it will be easier to hit the target users.

## **5.4 Financial Aspects**

In this section all the outgoing and incoming money will be described. All the previous blocks described are contributing to a cost or an income. We will try to provide an as realistic and detailed estimate of both costs and income.

### **5.4.1 Revenue Streams**

### **5.4.2 Cost Structure**

Cost structure takes all elements that generates cost specific to this game into account. Cyberlab is an already established business and we can therefore assume that there are not any additional costs associated with premises

and some of the “regular” equipments. First we distinguish between fixed and variable costs. In this case fixed costs are associated with salaries to the project team, which includes project manager, developers, researchers, interaction designers and marketers. We define these as fixed costs because the employers are hired to do this job over a fixed period of time. Other fixed costs include hardware and software that are needed to set up an environment for developing of the game. (Prøve å få faktiske tall fra tor ivar her..) Variable costs in this case includes Xbox hardware depending on the demand from the customers.

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# Appendix

## Appendix A - Intervju 22/10/12 kl. 1300

*-Intervjuobjekt:*

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*-Av deres pasienter fra 65 år og oppover, hva er problemet? Har dere pasienter som er hos dere for opptrening etter for eksempel en skade (rehabilitering)? Har dere pasienter som er hos dere for generell trening fordi de ønsker å styrke kroppen?*

Det finnes private og kommunale fysikalske klinikker. Disse har avtale med trykkesystemet. For å få time hos fysioterapeut må man ha rekvisisjon. Pasienten kommer i kontakt med fysioterapeuter gjerne fordi de har et definert problem. Det hender for eksempel hjemmesykepleiere tar kontakt på vegne av en pasient de pleier. Det er sjeldent den eldre tar kontakt selv.

*-Hvordan er oppfølgingen under behandlingen? Hvordan er oppfølgingen etter behandlingen? Pleier dere å gi pasienten program som de må trene på hjemme mellom hver time?*

Ofte er det ikke nok å være hos fysioterapeuten 1-2 ganger i uka. Det er en utfordring å få de til å gjøre noe hjemme. De eldre ønsker gjerne å "bli friske", de er ikke veldig motiverte til å trene hjemme på egenhånd. Vanlig å oppfordre til å bevege seg mer hjemme, enten ved å gi en form for treningsprogram eller si noe som "husk å være fysisk aktiv". Dette kan være at fysioterapeuten skriver en lapp med strekmennesker som forklarer øvelser, eller et dataprogram hvor man kan sette sammen et program med øvelser og printe ut til pasienten, eller noen sier bare noe så generelt som at de må ut å bevege seg.

*-Opplever dere at det er pasienter som har problemer med å komme seg til behandling? Hender det dere må dra på hjemmebesøk?*

Nei, de som er dårlige til beins, får dekket drosjetransport til behandlingen. Men det er klart at mange vegrer seg for å gå ut. Det er også mange som vegrer seg for å bevege seg innendørs.

*-Er det noen som uttrykker at de ønsker hyppigere trening?*

Sjudent. De vil vel gjerne få en slags "pille/medisin" og bare bli frisk og rask.

*-Er det mange som uttrykker ensomhet/ulykkelighet?*

Det er veldig få som identifiserer seg selv som en person som er redd for å falle. I prosjekter hvor det har blitt foreslått forskjellige tiltak blir man ofte møtt med svar som "Det høres ut som en fin ting. Gi det til noen som trenger det". Det er mange som ikke sier ifra at de har falt. Å forebygge noe som "ikke har skjedd" er vanskelig. Dersom man jobber med fallforebygging, bør man ikke nevne ordet "fall". Det bør fokuseres mer på positive ting, som å styrke kropp for å kunne leke med barnebarna, gå på kafe osv.

Det er opprettet noen treningsgrupper i Trondheim som er ment å forebygge fall. Men de reklamerer ikke med dette. I stedet reklamerer de med feks: "Vil du greie mer enn før...?".

*-Hvordan får dere høre om nye behandlingsmetoder, hjelpemidler, vektøy osv?*

Vi har "Fysioterapauten" som er et tidsskrift for fysioterapauter. Her blir stilen holdt ganske ren. Ellers er det jo også artikler i blant annet aviser og magasiner. Man drar på kurs og konferanser, men da gjerne innenfor et bestemt fagområde. Et bra sted å lansere nye produkter er kanskje på konferansene eller i "Fysioterapauten". Det er ofte snakk om etterutdanningskurs, ikke så mye om nye produkter.

*-Hva er interessen for nye ting?*

Her er det snakk om en ganske konservativ gruppe. Man vil veldig gjerne ha en dokumentasjon på at det fungerer. Produktet bør ha en lav brukerterskel. Hvor lett er det å bruke? Det må lette arbeidsmengden eller forbedre arbeidet for at det skal være interessant å ta i bruk. Man må også finne ut hvem som skal betale dette. Helsesektoren? Kommunen? Man må gjerne "stå for produktet" og klare å få fram at det er verdt å betale for. Pris på produktet har nok mye å si!

*-Må nye produkter være godkjent for medisinsk bruk?*

Et spill som dette havner litt i en gråson. Det finnes lover og regler, men jeg tror ikke man trenger medisinsk godkjenning for å ta i bruk dette spillet.



*-Hvordan foregår en kjøpsprosess hos dere?*

Det vanligste er nok at man kjøper for å eie selv. Det er interessant å leie eller prøve produktet en viss tid for å være sikker på at det er et godt kjøp. Ofte skjer det at man kjøper inn et produkt, men så blir det gjerne liggende fordi man ikke tar seg tid til å lære det. Her kreves det opplæring! Det som også gjerne skjer er at en ivrig person tar initiativ til å kjøpe et nytt produkt og lærer seg hvordan det skal brukes, for så å kanskje slutte. De gjenværende har ikke lært seg å bruke produktet, og så blir det liggende.

*-Hender det at dere kjøper inn produkter for så å selge dem videre til kundene deres?*

Fysioterapeutene kunne jo kjøpt spillet og eventuelt en lisens med på kjøpet, men jeg tror kanskje at eldre vil vegre seg for å kjøpe. Hvis kommunen så på det her som noe bra, så kunne kommunen ha kjøpt inn og lånt ut til eldre.

Det er alltid en utfordringen med ny teknologi - hvem skal betale? Prosjekter har strandet fordi man ikke blir enige om hvem som skal betale.

På fylkeskommunalt nivå har man hjelpemiddelsentralen. Hjelpemidler som kan lette hverdagen til folk kan bli kjøpt inn av hjelpemiddelsentralen og leid ut videre. Jeg er ikke helt sikker på hva som er grensen mellom trening og "fungere bedre i hverdagen"

*-Hva slags forhold har dere til leverandørene deres?*

På avansert utstyr kan man kjøpe serviceavtale. Men det er gjerne ingen som kjøper fordi det er for dyrt. Det er behov for oppgraderinger og oppfølging. Man ønsker gjerne tilpassede programmer, det vil gi større lyst til å prøve/bruke produktet. Sånn sett foretrekker jeg å samarbeide med små bedrifter, for da kan det være lettere.

*-Hva tenker dere om å bruke det videospillet som vi har beskrevet som en alternativ og annerledes behandlingsmetode*

*-for generell trening?*

*-tilpasset rehabilitering?*

For å kunne si noe om dette, ville jeg sett og prøvd spillet. For at det skulle vært interessant måtte det kunne lette arbeidsdagen min som fysioterapeut og gi meg muligheten til å tilby bedre hjelp til pasientene. Dersom jeg ikke syns øvelsene er relevante, ville jeg ikke brukt spillet. Spillet må være bedre enn det jeg kan tilby selv og øvelsene må kunne tilpasses. Når jeg har en pasient vil jeg finne ut hva som er pasientens problem ved å undersøke pasienten. Ut i fra problemet jeg finner, vil jeg legge opp et program ut ifra

hver enkelt pasient. Innhold og vanskelighetsgrad må være tilpasset behovet.

*-Hva slags verdi tror du er bevegelsesstyrkende videospill kunne gitt til en bruker?*

Det kan oppleves både som spennende og som en barriere for pasienten. Mange eldre opplever teknologi som en barriere. Spillet må fenge pasienten. Spillet bør ha mulighet for individuell tilpasning. For å redusere fall bør øvelsen inneholde balanse og styrke og det må være mulig å tilpasse vanskelighetsgrad slik at det kan bli vanskeligere. Med øvelser med fokus på styrke og balanse er det bevist at man kan redusere fall med 20-60 prosent. Det teknologi kan bidra til er å gjøre det mer underholdende og motiverende. Tilbakemelding er en viktig motivasjonsfaktor. Dersom man for eksempel får tilbakemelding på at øvelsen du gjorde tilsvarte at du var 10 år yngre, ville du sannsynligvis trene en ekstra gang dagen etter. De fleste pasienter ville ikke tatt i bruk et slikt produkt på egenhånd. Måtte fått det anbefalt av for eksempel fysioterapeut. For at fysioterapeuten skal kunne følge med på pasientens progresjon, må det være lett tilgjengelig for dem.

*-Generelt*

Dere bør sjekke ut hjelpemiddelsentralen på [www.nav.no](http://www.nav.no). Her kan dere lese litt om regelverk. Folketrygden dekker ikke sport- og fritidsutstyr. Dere må tenke på: hvis spillet skal brukes, hvordan får dere fysioterapeutene til å si ja? Hvordan får dere fysioterapeutene med på laget? Det kan sikker være en lur idé å snakke med både fysioterapeuter og ledelse.

Sånn til slutt så vil jeg si at jeg har tro på dette prosjektet!

*-Nye kontakter*

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