# Wearable Devices & Mobile Health for AYA Preventive Care



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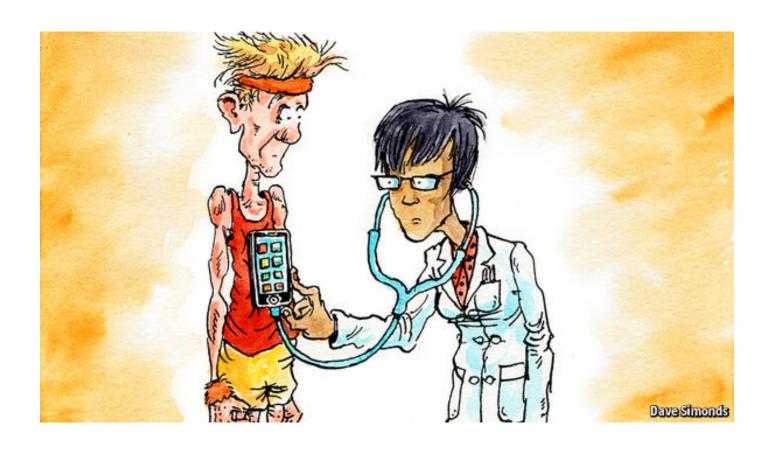


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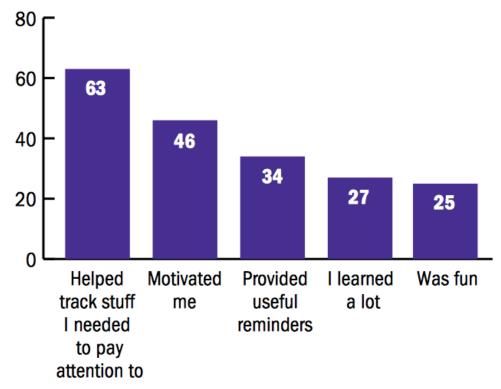


# **Mobile Health Apps**



# What Teens Like About Mobile Apps for Health

Among 13- to 18-year-olds who have downloaded mobile apps and are very/somewhat satisfied with them, percent who cite the following reasons:



Wartella. Teens, Health, and Technology 2015



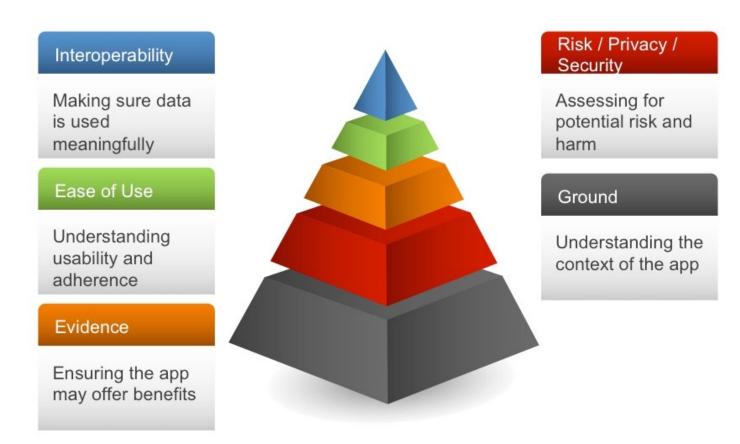
# **Key Challenges for Apps**

- Privacy of data
  - 81% of reviewed DM apps had NO privacy policy (Blenner JAMA 2016)
- Endless living & dynamic app options



#### **Lack of Curation in Multiple Domains**

#### **APA App Evaluation Model**





# Finding "Good" Health Apps

- 1. Review scientific literature
- 2. Search app clearinghouse websites
- 3. Search app stores
- 4. Review app descriptions, user ratings, reviews
- 5. Conduct a social media query within professional, and if available, pt networks
- 6. Pilot the apps
- 7. Elicit feedback from patients

Boudreaux 2014 TBM





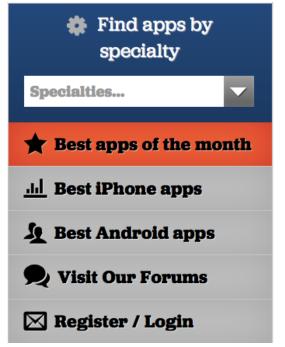
# **App Clearinghouse Websites**



#### Anatomy of an app card









# Officially "Approved" Apps

- FDA approved 36 connected health apps & devices in 2016
- Natural Cycles App recently approved in Europe as a contraceptive





# Finding AYA CPS Apps - Methods

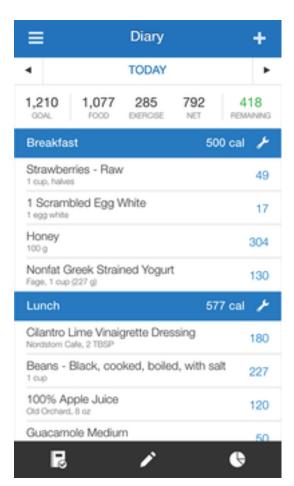
- January February 2017
- Team of 3 researchers, including 2 young adults, searched for the top applications
- Preventive Health Domains
  - Nutrition/diet
  - Exercise
  - Immunizations
  - Substance use
  - Sexual/reproductive health
  - Mental health
  - Safety
- Targets AYAs (e.g., Seventeen magazine)

## Finding AYA CPS Apps - Methods

- Top app criteria for workshop
  - Free
  - Widely used
  - Highly rated
  - Recommended by top app lists
  - Appeals to broad populations
  - Adolescent/young adult focused
  - Interactive
  - Subjective "likability" on testing
- Selected top apps across several domains

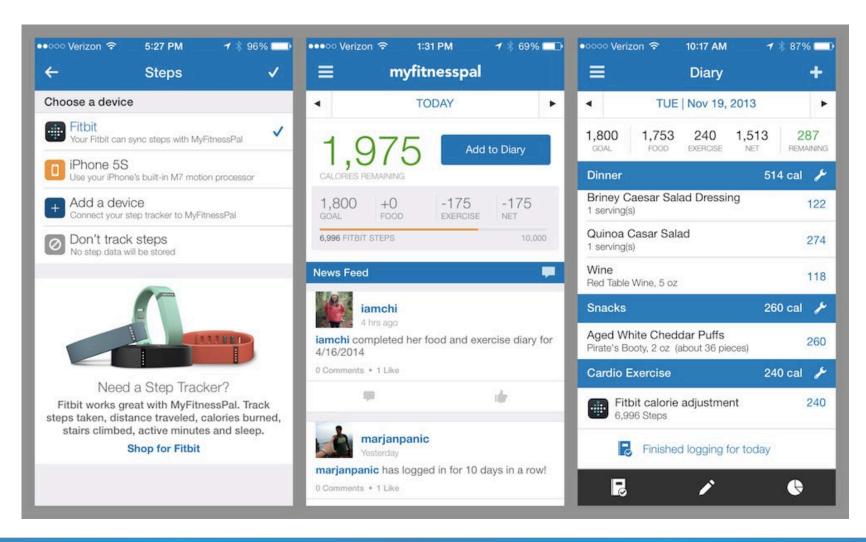
# Fitness – My Fitness Pal

- All-in-one calorie counter
  & exercise tracker
- Exhaustive food & nutrition database
- Easy data entry
- Has received many awards/recognition





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#### Fitness – Zombies, Run!

- Ultra-immersive running game & audio adventure
- Each run is a mission in your own Zombie apocalypse, collect supplies as you go
- Provides audio drama + playlist
- Over 3 million runners



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# **Nutrition - Waterlogged**

- Improve water intake
- Charts & reminders
- Photos of cups to quickly record water intake
- Appeared on multiple top app lists
- Can integrate with MyFitnessPal





### Reproductive Health - Clue

Period, PMS, fertility tracking app

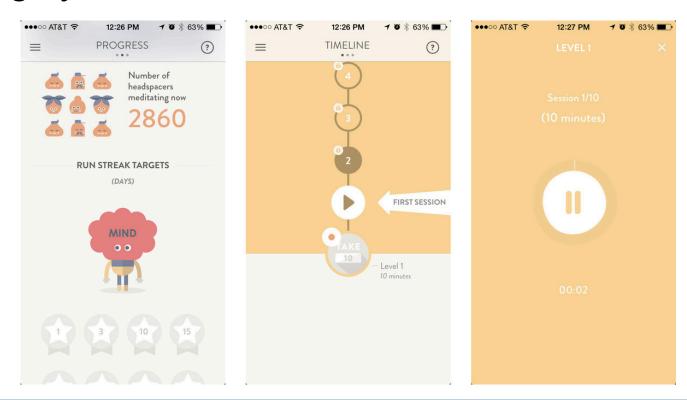


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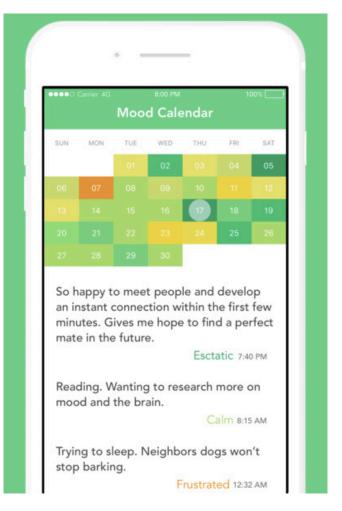
## Mental Health - Headspace

- Guided meditation and mindfulness app
- Highly recommended, lots of buzz



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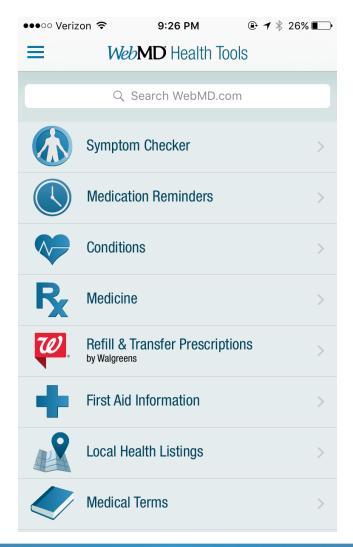
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#### **Health Education - WebMD**







# Practical Tips for Incorporating Apps into Practice

- Demo: Have recommended apps downloaded on your own device to show patient during visit
- Captive audience: Ask patients to download applications onto their smartphone while waiting for vaccines, AVS
- AVS: Include curated app recommendations in templated patient instructions

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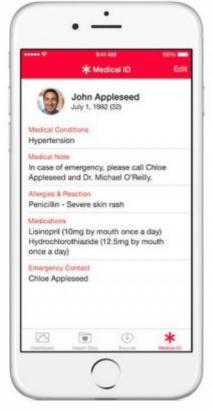
- Increasing number of medical devices are getting connected to the internet
- Technology companies are shifting focus towards population health (Apple, Google)





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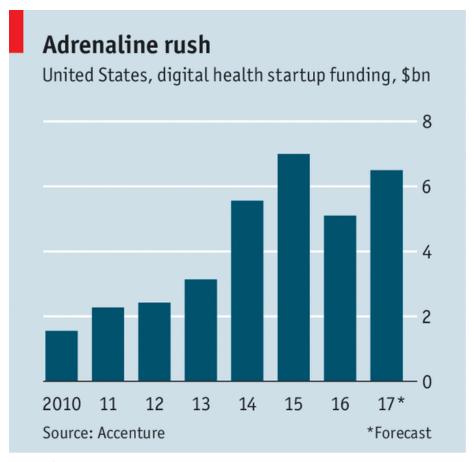








#### Investment in Digital Health is Soaring



Economist.com



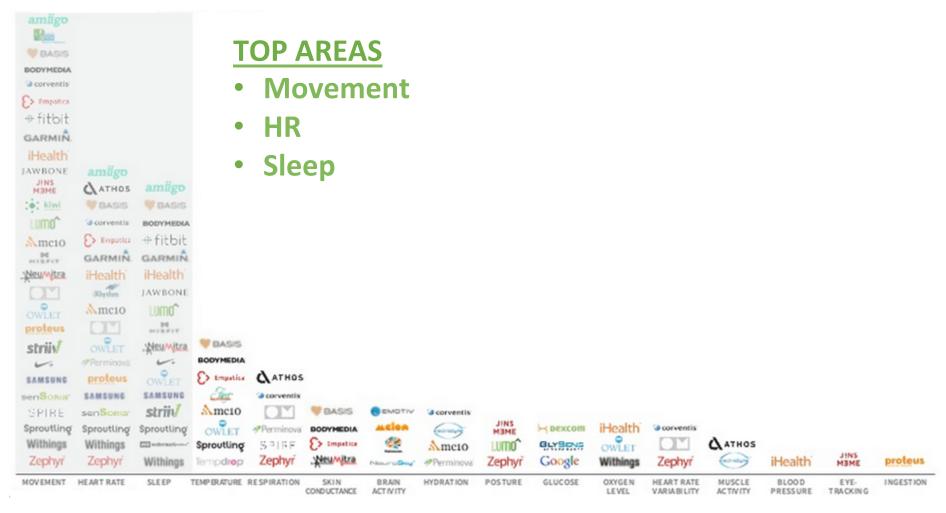


#### Wearable & Connected Devices

- Use of wearable devices
  - 1-2% of US population
  - Estimated that sales will increase to \$50 billion over the next few years
- Can track many behaviors
- Versatility and portability appeals to pts



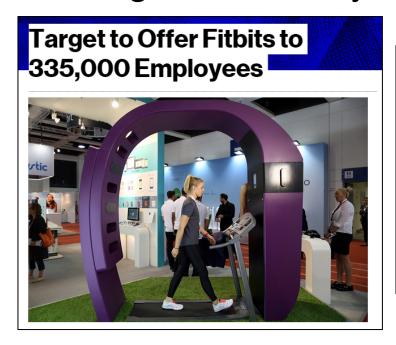
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Rock Health. 2014 Report



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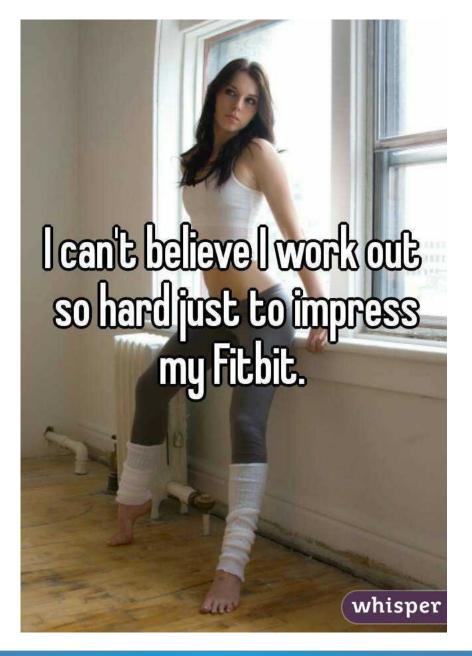


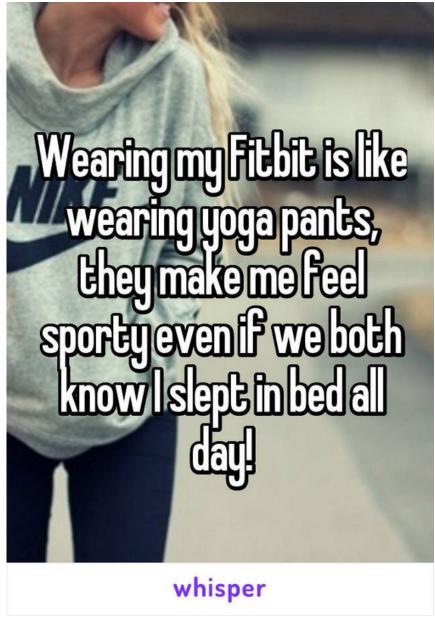
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- Efficacy: Mixed evidence









### **Efficacy of Wearable Devices**

- Weight Loss with Fitness Trackers
  - More weight loss when combined with effective engagement strategies (Patel 2015 JAMA)
  - Increased steps with fitness trackers (Shuger 2011 Int J Beh Nut)
  - No difference in weight (Harris 2015 Plos Med)
  - Fitness tracker group with less weight loss than control group (Jakicic 2016 JAMA)



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- How do you recommend apps (if at all)?
  Which apps are your favorites?
- Experiences with patients using wearable/ connected devices +/- integrating that data into your care?



#### **Thank You**

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