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Love, Guilt and the Telephone: Research on Home Care Technology

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Computers and health? The growing trend toward home health care involves computer systems that are supposed to help people take responsibility for their own health. But studies show, for instance, that subjects provide surprising reactions to a computerized telephone system for diet and exercise counseling. New technologies in home health care – from telephones to whole-house sensors to robots – raise a variety of interesting and under-addressed ethical issues for investigators and clinicians.

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