

Can AI transform healthcare for longevity?

The demand for solutions to promote longer, healthier lives is intensifying as global populations age. Artificial intelligence is leading the way in revolutionising healthcare, offering groundbreaking tools to predict, prevent, and treat age-related issues, while global innovations further reshape how we approach longevity and healthspan.

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As global populations age, the demand for solutions to extend healthy lifespans has never been greater. Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and global innovations are at the forefront of transforming healthcare, offering groundbreaking tools to enhance longevity and improve healthspan. This piece explores how AI and other global advancements are reshaping healthcare to address the challenges of ageing.

Predicting and tracking ageing with AI

AI is revolutionising our understanding of ageing by identifying biomarkers – biological indicators that reflect a person's true age, rather than just their chronological years. Using machine learning, AI analyses data from genetics, health records, and lifestyle factors to predict diseases such as Alzheimer's, cancer, and cardiovascular conditions. AI-driven "ageing clocks" offer a more accurate measure of biological age, allowing for earlier intervention and personalised prevention strategies.

Real-time health monitoring and early detection

Wearable devices like smartwatches and fitness trackers are integral to transforming healthcare for longevity. These devices collect real-time health data, which AI algorithms use to track vital signs, sleep patterns, and activity levels. AI can detect heart irregularities or unusual changes in activity that may signal early health problems. Continuous monitoring allows individuals to make proactive health decisions, reducing the risk of chronic diseases and optimising healthspan.

Personalising healthcare

AI enables personalised health plans tailored to an individual's unique genetics, lifestyle, and health history. AI-powered apps can create customised fitness regimens, dietary plans, and mental health strategies. By analysing a person's data, these tools help optimise longevity through lifestyle changes that are specifically suited to the individual's needs, making interventions more effective.

Cognitive health and mental well-being

AI is also transforming cognitive health for ageing populations. AI-powered cognitive training apps offer mental exercises designed to improve memory and brain function, while virtual assistants provide companionship and reminders, helping individuals with early signs of dementia. AI technologies offer personalised care plans, supporting those with cognitive decline and improving their quality of life.

Regenerative medicine and biotechnology

Beyond AI, global advancements in medicine and technology are accelerating progress in longevity science. Innovations like stem cell therapies, gene editing (e.g., CRISPR), and tissue engineering are pushing the boundaries of longevity. AI optimises these therapies by analysing genetic data and predicting the outcomes of treatments. AI helps refine gene-editing techniques to repair or replace damaged tissues, rejuvenate organs, and even reverse some effects of ageing.



Smart healthcare environments and digital health platforms

Smart healthcare environments and digital health platforms are revolutionising care for ageing populations. AI-enabled sensors in smart homes track movement, detect falls, and automate tasks, helping individuals maintain independence and safety. Countries like Japan are developing "smart cities" to support ageing citizens. Likewise, telemedicine platforms expand healthcare access, particularly in underserved areas, by

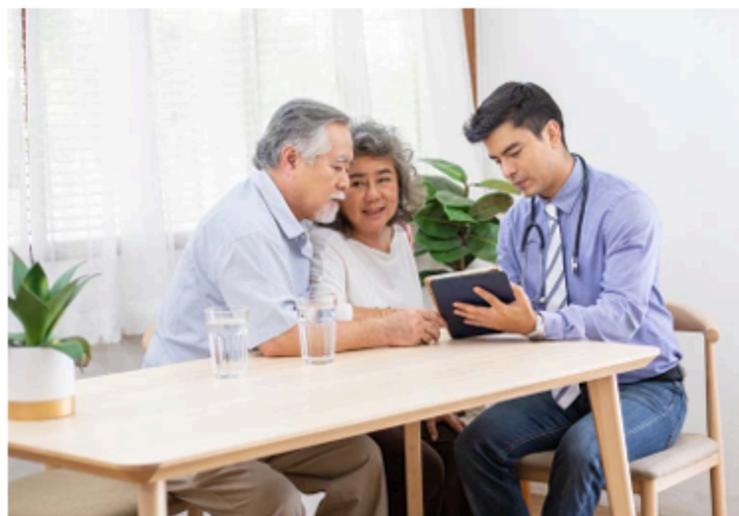
enabling remote diagnoses and continuous monitoring. AI integrates into these platforms to offer personalised care, improving efficiency and reducing in-person visits.

The future of AI and global innovation in longevity

AI and global innovations are reshaping healthcare for longevity, offering personalised, precise solutions that address ageing-related health challenges. As technologies like quantum

computing and gene editing continue to advance, AI's role will only grow, accelerating breakthroughs in longevity. Collaboration across sectors and nations will be crucial to ensuring that these innovations are accessible to all, creating a future where extended lifespans are paired with extended health.

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