



Special Issue for the IEEE Consumer Electronics Magazine

Consumer Healthcare Technologies in Smart Cities

The primary goal of this special issue is to provide insights into the latest technological developments in consumer electronics that blend into everyone's health and safety in a smart city environment. Smart wearables, such as watches and wristbands, have been widely used in health monitoring in recent years. These connected consumer electronics devices not only provide indicative information for consumers' health management, but also play a vital role in communicable disease management and prevention. In the context of consumer technology as part of a smart city infrastructure, wireless communication and sensing technologies have evolved substantially over the past decade and have seen an accelerating trend of technical advances, particularly in the consumer healthcare sector. Optimization techniques have been developed significantly and smart devices have become more efficiently designed and implemented both for the betterment of individual consumers and health service providers.

The ability to design and implement consumer healthcare devices when keeping up with the rapidly changing consumer healthcare market demands up-to-date technology information acquired through gaining practical knowledge for creating reliable and comfortable wearables that protects the internal electronic modules and systems for health monitoring.

To tackle the challenges in keeping up with the rapid consumer healthcare technology development, this special issue invites manuscript submissions in the following topics, but not limited to:

- Emerging health and/or pathogen sensing technologies for smart cities
- Smart consumer electronic devices and systems
- Smart and assistive healthcare technology in smart cities
- Highly integrated front-end circuits for smart health
- Integrated circuits for body area networks and/or infrastructural communications
- Novel multimedia processing for health monitoring
- Self-powered monitoring devices
- Privacy and/or security enhancing technologies for healthcare provisioning in smart cities
- Health applications such as baby monitoring, eSport and elderly care in smart cities

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