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Press Release



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Living with Parkinson's disease does not have to mean the loss of independence with Tunstall Healthcare's assistive technology solutions.

Tunstall's solutions can assist people to maintain their independence in the home, using plug and play technology which can be easily updated to meet the level of assistance required by the user's changing condition.

Tunstall provides simple solutions like personal alarms that allow people living with Parkinson's to make quick and easy contact with Tunstall's 24 hour response centre or a family member or carer.

When contacting Tunstall's 24 hour response centre, the operator will organise the necessary assistant for the user, such as a family member to be contacted, ambulance to be called or an after hours GP to attend.

Tunstall also has a range of radio triggers for activating the personal alarm, catering for people with varying capabilities.

This includes a pendant for a user with good dexterity, a pressure switch or wand switch for someone with limited dexterity but hand and arm movement, or a puff/sip switch for someone with very little controlled movement.

Tunstall also provides assistive technology solutions that help manage the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Bed and chair occupancy sensors detect if the user has gotten out of their bed or chair, detecting limited activity from muscle rigidity or stiffness and alerting a potential need for assistance.

Likewise, the fall detector detects if the user has fallen and is not able to get up on their own.

Tunstall also has dementia solutions to assist the 80% of people living with Parkinson's who will eventually develop dementia¹.

Helping to manage wandering, one of the potentially hazardous symptom of dementia, the property exit sensor detects if the user leaves their home at an inappropriate time and does not return within a preset time.

These progressive solutions ensure that the user can always make quick and easy contact with Tunstall's response centre or their carer and that the appropriate assistance will always be organised.

These solutions provide peace of mind to family and friends of people living with Parkinson's disease, knowing their loved one can get help if and when they need it.

To find out more about Tunstall's assistive technology solutions for people living with Parkinson's disease visit www.tunstallhealthcare.com.au or call 1300 760 333.

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¹ <http://www.parkinsons.org.au/about-ps/nursing.htm>

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