

**TECHNOLOGIES THAT REDEFINE CARE FOR OLDER AMERICANS TO BE  
FOCUS OF CONFERENCE SESSION LED BY CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY AND AGING**

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 9, 2009 – The Center for Technology and Aging will lead a session titled, “Technologies for Home and Community-Based Services: Considering the Options,” at the American Society of Aging West Coast Conference on Aging at the City Center Marriott Hotel in Oakland on Friday, September 11, from 9 to 12 noon. The presenters are David Lindeman, Ph.D.; Lynn Redington, Dr.PH., M.B.A.; and Valerie Steinmetz. They will be joined by Suneel Ratan, M.B.A., an executive with Robert Bosch Healthcare.

The session is based on the briefing paper just published by the Center, “Technologies To Help Older Adults Maintain Independence: Advancing Technology Adoption,” which describes seven technology areas with potential for redefining and improving chronic health care, while increasing the independence of older adults and reducing health care costs. During the session, particular attention will be given to medication administration and remote patient monitoring.

“Several proven technologies are redefining how we treat chronic disease and at the same time enable individuals to stay out the hospital, manage care from their homes, and stay connected to their community,” said Lindeman, director of the Center. “However, a significant challenge is getting providers to more rapidly adopt and use these beneficial technologies.”

The briefing paper is available at no cost at [www.techandaging.org](http://www.techandaging.org)

As part of the Center’s mission to support more rapid adoption and diffusion of these technologies, it is now accepting letters of intent for Medication Optimization Diffusion Grants. Up to six one-year grants will be made to organizations successfully proposing projects that aim to further disseminate innovations that improve medication use. The deadline to submit Letters of Intent is Midnight PDT, Friday, October 2, 2009. Additional information is available at [www.techandaging.org/medopgrant.pdf](http://www.techandaging.org/medopgrant.pdf).

The *Center for Technology and Aging* promotes more rapid adoption of technologies that improve the independence of older Americans and their ability to stay in the residence of their choice. Through research, grants, public policy involvement, and development of practical implementation tools, the Center serves as a resource for improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of chronic care and long-term care services for older adults. It was established in 2009 with a grant from The SCAN Foundation and is located at the Public Health Institute in Oakland, CA.