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CHRONOLOGY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2001-2005 B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Tehran, Iran
- 2005-2008 M.Sc. Biomedical Engineering in the field of Biomechanics, Iran University of Science and Technology (IUST), Tehran, Iran
Advisor: Mohammad Haghpanahi
Thesis: “Finite Element Modeling of the Cervical Spine: Estimating Muscle Forces and Internal Loads”
- 2008-2013 Ph.D. Industrial and Systems Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA,
Advisor: Maury A. Nussbaum
Dissertation: “Time-dependent Assessment of the Human Lumbar Spine in Response to Flexion Exposures: In Vivo Measurement and Modeling”
- 2013-2015 Biomedical Engineering Post-doctorate, interdisciplinary Consortium Advanced Motion Performance (iCAMP), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Supervisor: Bijan Najafi
- 2015-2023 Aging and Cognition Fellow, Healthy Brain Research Center, CDC

CHRONOLOGY OF EMPLOYMENT

- 2009-2012 Research Assistant, Human Safety & Health lab, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- 2011-2013 Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Human Factor Engineering & Manufacturing Lab, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- 2013-2015 Research Associate, interdisciplinary Consortium Advanced Motion Performance (iCAMP), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2014-2023 Bioengineer Collaborator, Center for Healthy Aging, Banner Sun Health Research Institute
- 2015-2016 Research Associate, Senior: Arizona Center on Aging, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant Professor, the Division of General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Palliative Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2017-2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2017-2023 Assistant Professor, the Division of General Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Palliative Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2023-Present Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2001 Ranked 384th in nation-wide entrance exam for Iranian universities among 400,000 examinees
- 2009-2011 Outstanding Graduate Student; Industrial and Systems Engineering Department, Virginia Tech
- 2013 Young investigator award from The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) for “Aging, the Central Nervous System, and Mobility in Older Adults: Neural Mechanisms of Mobility Impairments.”
- 2013 Arizona Center on Aging, Research Associate
- 2014 First place in the Undergraduate Health Science UA Student Showcase
- 2014 Most Creative Research award from BME Design Day
- 2018 Second Place Winner Phil Jacobs Award, Vascular Society, 39th Annual Meeting
- 2017 UA BIO5 Research Scholar
- 2018 UA Pepper Scholar
- 2018 Acceleration for Success (AFS) Scholar award
- 2019 BIO5 Institute Team Scholars Program Award
- 2020 Excellence at the Student Interface Award, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering
- 2022 Arizona Alzheimer’s Consortium (AAC) scholar award
- 2022 Excellence at the Student Interface Award, Most Supportive Faculty Member, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering

SERVICE/OUTREACH-NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

- 2023 Reviewer Panel for NIH - Clinical Informatics and Digital Health (CIDH)
- 2022 Associate Director for Frontiers in Sports and Active Living - Biomechanics and Control of Human Movement
- Reviewer for
- Gerontology
 - Sensors
 - Journal of Applied Biomechanics
 - IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering
 - European Spine Journal
 - IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Information
 - Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association (JAPMA)
 - Gait & Posture Journal
 - International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
 - Scientific Reports
- 2023 Annual Performance Review Committee
- 2018-2023 Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate Affairs Committee
- 2017-2023 Serve as Lab Mentor for high school Keep Engaging Youth in Science (KEYS) program at UA
- 2016-2017 Biomedical Engineering Seminar Series Organizer and Host
- Student Examination Committees (non-advisor) (2018-Present)
- Ph. D. = 2
 - Carissa Grijalva, Biomedical Engineering
 - Tucker Stuart, Biomedical Engineering
 - M. S. = 2
 - Jack Vincent, Biomedical Engineering
 - Tyler Donald Hertenstein, Biomedical Engineering
 - Ph.D. Comp Exam. = 3
 - Carissa Grijalva, Biomedical Engineering
 - Jiayan Huo, Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Tucker Stuart, Biomedical Engineering
Ph. D. Qualifier = 0
M. S. Non-Thesis Exam Committees = 0

TEACHING

Lecturer

Intro to Biomechanics

BME 214 (Fall 2022)
BME 214 (Fall 2021)
BME 214 (Fall 2020)
BME 214 (Fall 2019)
BME 214 (Fall 2018)
BME 214 (Fall 2017)

Biomechanical Engr

AME/BME 466/566 (Fall 2016)

Biomedical Engr Seminar

BME 696A (Fall 2017)
BME 696A (Fall 2016)

Guest Lecturer

Challenges in Biomedical Engineering

BME 295C (Spring 2022)
BME 295C (Spring 2021)
BME 295C (Spring 2020)
BME 295C (Spring 2019)
BME 295C (Spring 2018)
BME 295C (Spring 2017)

OTHER TEACHING

Post-doctoral Researcher (Current)

1. Mehran Asghari, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

PhD Mentees (Current)

1. Kelsi Petrillo, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

Post-doctoral Researcher (Former)

1. Hossein Ehsani, PhD, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

PhD Mentees (Former)

2. Mehran Asghari, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona (graduated May 2023)
3. Patricio Arrue, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona (graduated May 2023)
4. Danya Pradeep Kumar, Electrical Engineering/Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona (graduated Spring 2021)

Graduate Mentees (Current)

2. Karam Elali, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
3. Martha Rocio Ruiz, Public Health, University of Arizona
4. Rylie Watson, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
5. Peggy Ackun, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

Graduate Mentees (Former)

1. Miguel Pena, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
2. Audrey Cohen, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
3. Amy Muchna, MPH, Arizona Center on Aging, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
4. Hannah Stocker, MPH student/ RA, Arizona Center on Aging, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
5. Coco Victoria G. Tirambulo, Public Health, University of Arizona

Undergraduate Mentees (Current)

1. Paige Rudy, Biomedical Engineering (UBRP), University of Arizona
2. Alex Sullivan, Biomedical Engineering (UBRP), University of Arizona
3. Hector Flores, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
4. Haley Johnson, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
5. Isabellah Mayoral Ortega, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
6. Isabelle O'Grady, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
7. Amir Sobhan Haghiri, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

Undergraduate Mentees (Former)

1. Miriam Heras, Cognitive Science and Management Information Systems, University of Arizona
2. Hana Turko, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
3. Mark Andrew Bosset, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
4. Thomas Zachariah Murickan, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
5. Emma Katelyn Mason, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
6. Julia Gailene McElwee, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
7. Tzu-Chuan Yen, Department of Physiology, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
8. Michelle Heusser, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering, University of Arizona
(Awards: 1st place in the Undergraduate Health Science UA Student Showcase-2014; Most Creative Research award from BME Design Day-2014)
9. Ashley Scott, COPH, Arizona Center on Aging, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
10. Marco Miramontes, Biomedical Engineering, College of Medicine, University of Arizona
11. Jaimeson Veldhuizen, Biomedical Engineering, Flinn Scholar, University of Arizona
12. Reine Mager, Biomedical Engineering, Flinn Scholar, University of Arizona
13. Brian Hedden, Biomedical Engineering, Flinn Scholar, Arizona State University
14. Suhail Hiermandi, Biomedical Engineering, Flinn Scholar, Arizona State University
15. Alexys Leigh Manring, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
16. Genevieve Wahlert, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
17. Ziad Hindosh, Physiology, University of Arizona
18. Faysal Stipho, Physiology, University of Arizona
19. Ghazal Moghaddami, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
20. Alexandra Phillips Sween, Physiology, University of Arizona
21. Talia Sora Nagy Tax, high school Scholar
22. Ben Carpenter, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
23. Kayleigh Mylelle Ruberto, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona
24. Audrey Cohen, Biomedical Engineering, University of Arizona

PATENT

Najafi B.(33%), Mohler J.(33%), **Toosizadeh N.**(34%), (2014) Methods and System to Identify Frailty Using Joint Movement Protocol. Patent number: 20150332004

PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Google Scholar Website: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=s1rr8msAAAAJ&hl=en>

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* Publications substantially based on work done as a graduate student

° Publications with substantial contribution from students from Dr. Toosizadeh's lab

1. Hu S., Cao S., **Toosizadeh N.**, Barton J., Hector M., Fain M., (2023) mmPose-FK: A Forward Kinematics Approach to Dynamic Skeletal Pose Estimation Using mmWave Radars, *IEEE Sensors Journal*, In Press.
2. Hu S., Cao S., **Toosizadeh N.**, Barton J., Hector M., Fain M., Poston P.E., (2023) A Survey on Radar-Based Fall Detection, *IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine*, In Press.
3. Grijalva C., Hale D., Wu L., **Toosizadeh N.**, Laksari K., (2023) Hyper-acute effects of sub-concussive soccer headers on brain function and hemodynamics, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, In Press.
4. °Petrillo K., Javeh B., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2023) Association between Dual-Task Function and Neuropsychological Testing in Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment, *Experimental Gerontology*, 178, 112223.
5. °Kumar D.P., Najafi B., Laksari K., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2023) Sensor-based Assessment of Variability in Daily Physical Activity and Frailty, *Gerontology*, 1-1.
6. °Asghari M., °Peña M., °Ruiz M., °Johnson H., Ehsani H., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2023) A computational musculoskeletal arm model for assessing muscle dysfunction in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, *Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing*, 1-14.
7. °Peña M., °Petrillo K., °Bosset M., Fain M., Chou YH., Rapsak S., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2022) Brain function complexity during dual-tasking is associated with cognitive impairment and age, *Journal of Neuroimaging*, 32 (6), 1211-1223.
8. Deshpande A., Elliott j., Kari N., Jiang B., Michel P., **Toosizadeh N.**, Fahadan PT., Kidwell C., Wintermark M., Laksari K., (2022) Novel imaging markers for altered cerebrovascular morphology in aging, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease, *Journal of Neuroimaging*, 32 (5), 956-967.
9. **Toosizadeh N.**, °Eskandari M., °Ehsani H., Parvaneh S., °Asghari M., Sweitzer N., (2022) Frailty Assessment Using a Novel Approach Based on Combined Motor and Cardiac Functions: A Pilot Study, *BMC Geriatrics*, 22 (1), 1-10.
10. °Eskandari-Nojehdehi M., Parvaneh S., °Ehsani H., Fain M., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2022) Frailty Identification using Heart Rate Dynamics: A Deep Learning Approach, *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*, 26 (7), 3409-3417.
11. °Ruberto K., °Ehsani H., Parvaneh S., Mohler J., Fain M., Sweitzer N.K., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2022) The association between heart rate behavior and gait performance: The moderating effect of frailty, *Plos one*, e0264013
12. °Ruiz M., °Peña m., °Cohen A., °Ehsani H., Joseph B., Fain M., Mohler J., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2021) Physical and Cognitive Function Assessment to Predict Postoperative Outcomes of Abdominal Surgery, *Journal of Surgical Research*, 267, 495-505.
13. °Asghari M., °Ehsani H., °Cohen A., °Tax T., Mohler J., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2021) Nonlinear Analysis of the Movement Variability Structure Can Detect Aging-Related Differences among Cognitively Healthy Individuals, *Human Movement Science*, 78, 102807.
14. Grijalva C., **Toosizadeh N.**, Sindorf J., Chou Y.H., Laksari K., (2021) Dual-task performance is associated with brain MRI morphometry in individuals with mild cognitive impairment, *Journal of Neuroimaging*, 31 (3), 588-601.
15. **Toosizadeh N.**, °Ehsani H., Parthasarathy S., °Carpenter B., °Ruberto K., Mohler J., Parvaneh S., (2020) Frailty and Heart Response to Physical Activity, *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 93, 104323.
16. Follis S., Chen Z., Mishra S, Howe C.L., **Toosizadeh N.**, Dohm M., (2020) Comparison of Wearable Sensor to Traditional Methods in Functional Outcome Measures: A Systematic Review, *Journal of Orthopaedic Research*, 39 (10), 2093-2102.
17. °Arrué P., **Toosizadeh N.**, Babae H., Laksari K., (2020) Low-rank representation of head impact kinematics: A data-driven emulator, *Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology*, 8, 1049.
18. °Kumar D.P., Wendel C., Mohler J., Laksari K., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2020) Between-day Repeatability of Sensor-based In-home Gait Assessment among Older Adults: Assessing the Effect of Frailty, *Aging Clinical and Experimental Research*, 33 (6), 1529-1537.

19. **Toosizadeh N.**, °Wahlert G., Fain M., Mohler J., (2020) The Effect of Vibratory Stimulation on the Timed-up-and-go Mobility Test: A Pilot Study for Sensory-related Fall Risk Assessment, *Physiological Research*, 69 (4), 721-730.
20. °Kumar D.P., **Toosizadeh N.**, Mohler J., °Ehsani H., Mannier C., Laksari K., (2020) Sensor-based Characterization of Daily Walking: A New Paradigm in Pre-frailty/Frailty Assessment, *BMC Geriatrics*, *BMC geriatrics* 20, 1-11.
21. °Ehsani H., Parvaneh S., Mohler J., Wendel C., Zamrini E., O'Connor K., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2020) Can motor function uncertainty and local instability within upper-extremity dual-tasking predict amnesic mild cognitive impairment and early-stage Alzheimer's disease? *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, 103705.
22. Taylor-Piliae R.E., Hsu C.H., Dolan H., **Toosizadeh N.**, Mohler J., (2019) A Novel Dual-Task Balance Challenge to Prevent Falls in Older Adults: A Randomized Pilot Study, *Journal of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology*, 16 (1), 16.
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24. Yanquez F.J., Peterson A., Weinkauff C., Goshima K.R., Zhou W., Mohler J., °Ehsani H., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2019) Sensor-based Upper-extremity Frailty Assessment for the Vascular Surgery Risk Stratification, *Journal of Surgical Research*, 246, 403-410.
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26. °Ehsani H., Mohler J., O'Connord K., Zamrini E., °Tirambulob C., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2019) The association between cognition and dual-tasking among older adults: The effect of motor function type and cognition task difficulty, *Clinical Investigation in Aging*, 14, 659-669.
27. °Ehsani H., Mohler J., Golden T., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2019) Upper-extremity function prospectively predicts adverse discharge and all-cause COPD readmission: A pilot study, *International Journal of COPD*, 14, 39.
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30. Mousavi-Khatir R., Talebian S., **Toosizadeh N.**, Olyaei GR, Maroufi N., (2018) Disturbance of neck proprioception and feed-forward motor control following static neck flexion in healthy young adults, *Journal of Electromyography and Kinesiology*, 41, 160-167.
31. **Toosizadeh N.**, °Ehsani H., °Miramonte M., Mohler J., (2018) Proprioceptive Impairments in High Fall Risk Older Adults: The Effect of Mechanical Calf Vibration on Postural Balance, *BioMedical Engineering OnLine*, 17 (1), 51.
32. **Toosizadeh N.**, Mohler J., Marlinski V., (2018) Low intensity vibration of ankle muscles improves balance in elderly persons at high risk of falling, *PLOS ONE*, 13(3): e0194720.
33. Mousavi-Khatir R., Talebian S., **Toosizadeh N.**, Olyaei GR., Maroufi N., (2018) The effect of static neck flexion on mechanical and neuromuscular behaviors of the cervical spine, *Journal of Biomechanics*, 72, 152-158.
34. °Ehsani H., Mohler J., Marlinski V., Rashedi E., **Toosizadeh N.**, (2018) The influence of mechanical vibration on local and central balance control, *Journal of Biomechanics*, 71, 59-66.
35. **Toosizadeh N.**, Wendel C., Hsu CH., Zamrini E., Mohler J., (2017) Frailty Assessment in Older Adults using Upper-extremity Function: Index Development, *BMC Geriatrics*, 17 (1), 117.
36. **Toosizadeh N.**, Berry C., Najafi B., Kraft M., Mohler J., (2017) Assessing upper-extremity motion: an innovative method to quantify functional capacity in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, *PLOS ONE*, 12 (2), e0172766.
37. Parvaneh S., Mohler J., **Toosizadeh N.**, Grewal G., Najafi B., (2017) Postural transitions during activities of daily living could identify frailty status – Application of wearable technology to identify frailty during unsupervised condition, *Gerontology*, 63 (5), 479-487.

38. Joseph B., **Toosizadeh N.**, Jokar T.O., ^oHeusser M.R., Mohler J., Najafi B., (2016) Upper-Extremity Function Predicts Adverse Health Outcomes among Older Adults Hospitalized for Ground-Level Falls, *Gerontology*, 63 (4), 299-307.
39. **Toosizadeh N.**, Harati H., ^oYen T.C., Fastje C., Mohler J., Najafi B., Dohm M., (2016) Paravertebral spinal injection for the treatment of patients with degenerative facet osteoarthropathy: Evidence of motor performance improvements based on objective assessments, *Clinical Biomechanics*, 39, 100-108.
40. **Toosizadeh N.**, Stocker H., Thiede R., Mohler J., Mills J.L., Najafi B., (2016) Alterations in gait parameters with peripheral artery disease: The importance of pre-frailty as a confounding variable, *Vascular Medicine*, 21 (6), 520-527.
41. **Toosizadeh N.**, Najafi B., Reiman E.R., ^oMager R.M., ^oVeldhuizen J.K., O'Connor K., Zamrini E., Mohler J., (2016) Upper-extremity dual-task function: an innovative method to assess cognitive impairment in older adults. *Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience*, 8, 167.
42. Lei H., **Toosizadeh N.**, Schwenk M., Sherman S., Karp S., Sternberg E., Najafi B. (2016) A pilot clinical trial of objectively assess the efficacy of electroacupuncture on gait in patients with Parkinson's disease using body worn sensors. *PLoS ONE*, 11 (5), e0155613.
43. Gill S.V., Walsh M.K., Pratt J.A., **Toosizadeh N.**, Najafi B., Trivison T.G. (2016) Changes in spatio-temporal gait patterns during flat ground walking and obstacle crossing one year after bariatric surgery, *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases*, 12 (5), 1080-1085.
44. **Toosizadeh N.**, Joseph B., ^oHeusser M.H., Jokar T.O., Mohler J., Phelan H.R., Najafi B. (2016) Assessing Upper-extremity Motion: An Innovative, Objective Method to Identify Frailty in Older Bedbound Trauma Patients, *Journal of American College of Surgeons*, 223 (2), 240-248.
45. Mohler J., Wendel C., Taylor-Piliae R, **Toosizadeh N.**, Najafi B. (2015) Motor performance predicts prospective falls in frail or pre-frail, community-dwelling, older adults: Application of wearable technology to assess fall risk. *Gerontology*, 62 (6), 654-664.
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48. Parvaneh S., Howe C., **Toosizadeh N.**, Honarvar B., Fain M., Najafi B., Mohler J., (2015) Regulation of Cardiac Autonomic Nervous System Control across Frailty Status: A Systematic Review, *Gerontology*, 62 (1), 3-15.
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51. **Toosizadeh, N.**, Mohler J., Lei H., Parvaneh S., Sherman S., and Najafi B. (2015) Physical Performance Assessment in Parkinson's Disease: Association between Objective In-clinic, Objective In-home, and Subjective/Semi-objective Measures, *PLoS ONE*, 10(4): e0124763.
52. **Toosizadeh, N.**, Mohler, J., Wendel, C., Najafi, B., (2015) Influences of Frailty Syndrome on Open-loop and Closed-loop Postural Control Strategy. *Gerontology* 61(1), 51-60.
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55. **Toosizadeh, N.**, Nussbaum, M.A. (2014) *Trunk Tissue Creep can Increase Spine Forces during a Subsequent Lifting Task. *IIE Transactions on Occupational Ergonomics and Human Factors* 2(2), 71-82
56. **Toosizadeh, N.**, Nussbaum, M.A. (2013) *Prolonged Trunk Flexion can Increase Spine Loads During a Subsequent Lifting Task: An Investigation of the Effects of Trunk Flexion Duration and Angle Using a Sagittally-Symmetric, Viscoelastic Spine Model. *Journal of Musculoskeletal Research* 16 (4), 1350022

57. **Toosizadeh, N.**, Bunting, M., Howel, C., Mohler, J., Sprinkle, J., Najafi, B., (2013) Motorized mobility scooters – The use of training/intervention and technology for improving driving skills in aging adults. *Gerontology* 60 (4), 357-365.
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CONFERENCES/SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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2. **Toosizadeh N.**, Parvaneh S., Khoubyari S., (2021) Frailty among Older Adults with Heart Failure: Implications of Heart Rate Dynamic Assessment, *Special Session, Computing in Cardiology (CinC)*, Brno, Czech Republic, September, 2021.
3. Parvaneh S., **Toosizadeh N.**, Khoubyari R., (2021) Impact of Frailty on Cardiac Autonomic System, *Special Session, Computing in Cardiology (CinC)*, Brno, Czech Republic, September, 2021
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GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Federal Research Grants

1. NIH 1 R01 AG082541-01A1: The role of CMV in HIV-associated accentuated aging (Toosizadeh/Nikolich-Zugich).
07/01/2023-06/30/2028
(mPI) \$3,904,460 – Effort: 1.2 Person Months
Persons with HIV (PWH) on anti-retroviral therapy can have near-normal lifespan, but many suffer greatly from HIV-related non-aids conditions (HANA) that manifest themselves as accentuated aging and limited evidence suggests that this happens only in those PHW infected with cytomegalovirus (CMV). We have discovered new biomarkers of CMV infection and propose to use them to test whether and how CMV may be driving accentuated aging in PWH. Results should help to set future CMV-specific treatments to achieve successful aging with HIV.
1. NSF 2311611 – I-CORPS: Sensor-based frailty assessment tool using a smart watch (Toosizadeh)
04/01/2023-03/31/2024
(PI) \$50,000
The proposed I-CORP grant provides the opportunity to establish a commercialization plan for a new objective sensor-based frailty assessment product. This product incorporates an app for smartwatch for objective, easy, and quick assessment of frailty among older adults.
2. NIH 1 R01 AG076774-01A1: Heart Rate Dynamics in Response to Upper-Extremity Function Test to Identify Irreversible Frailty After Invasive Therapy in Older Adults with Advanced Heart Disease (Toosizadeh)
01/2023-01/2027
(PI) \$1,313,940.00 – Effort: 3.40 Person Months
Advanced heart diseases lead to a reduced blood supply from the heart and consequently fatigue and deficits in performing physical activity. In the proposed research, we will assess the lack of physiological reserve in older adults with advanced heart disease, focusing on motor and cardiac function, to develop a novel, objective, quick, and accurate frailty score. We designed this approach to enhance candidate selection of older adults going through invasive therapies for advanced heart diseases.
3. NSF 2236689 - CAREER: Dynamic Modeling of Cardiac, Brain, and Motor Systems in Response to Provocative Testing for Frailty Assessment (Toosizadeh)
03/2023-02/2028
(PI) \$580,246– Effort: 1.00 Person Months
In this career award I will establish a novel mathematical frailty model based on interaction between several physiological systems during a stress-response testing module.
4. NIH R21EB033454 (Trailblazer): WARE-Care: a novel RF-based system to assess and prevent falling
07/2022-12/2024 (Cao)
(Co-I) \$582,741 – Effort: 0.95 Person Months
We propose a complementary sensor for frail and fall risk assessment in the nursing facility during the night. To achieve this goal, we will build and evaluate a robust, non-invasive millimeter wave (mmWave) based sensing system for fall risk and fall detection to work during the night to collect and assess older

adults' falling data. We have formed a research team with expertise in radar signal processing, machine learning, frailty and fall risk analysis, telehealth, clinical trials, and medical experts within the University of Arizona (UArizona) and have connected with a local nursing center to test this low-cost, small, and portable motion-monitoring system: WARE-Care: mmWave based fall Assessment and pRevEntion.

5. NIH R01 NS102220-01A1: Development of High-Speed and Quantitative Neuro MRI Technologies for Challenging Patient Populations (Chen)
07/01/2018-06/31/2023
(Co-I) \$ 2,749,319 – Effort: 0.24 Person Months
Optimize multiplexed sensitivity encoded (MUSE) DTI and fMRI techniques to allow for fast acquisition of sub-millimeter resolution, artifact-free, and quantitative MR images within a 20-min scan time, better tolerable for challenging populations such as stroke or pediatric patients.
6. NIH 1R21AG059202-01A1: Functional Capacity Assessment in Hospitalized Bed-bound COPD Patients; Predicting Outcomes (Toosizadeh/Mohler)
09/15/2019 - 05/31/2023
(PI) \$410,454 – Effort: 2.54 Person Months
The major goal of this project is to provide data to improve identification of vulnerable older adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease using a quick and simple objective assessment tool feasible for bed-bound hospitalized patients.
7. NIH R21AG055852: MCI and Alzheimer's Disease Screening using Upper-extremity Dual-task (Toosizadeh/Mohler)
06/01/2017 - 05/31/2019
(PI) \$430,937 – Effort: 3.00 Person Months
Validate an objective, easy-to-perform, and quick tool for cognitive screening in older adults with Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's type mild cognitive impairment. This method is based on simultaneous assessment of upper-extremity functioning and cognitive performance, using wearable sensor technology and novel biomechanical approaches for assessing motion.
8. 3U48DP005002-01S4 CDC Healthy Brain Research Network Center (Mohler/Fain)
7/1/2014 - 6/30/19
(Scholar 10% 1.2 months) Research in cognitive aging, mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's and related dementias, in collaboration with statewide collaborators (Arizona Center on Aging, ADHS, AZ-PRC, Hartford Nursing Center, Flinn Foundation Aging and Cognition Consortium, the Banner Alzheimer's Consortium, and 4 national HBRN collaborating centers)
9. NIH 1 R21 AG078786-01A1: Subsensory Stochastic Vibratory Stimulation to Assess and Improve Aging-related Proprioceptive Deficits Associated with Balance Recovery (*PENDING 20th Percentile*) (Toosizadeh/Madigan)
04/01/23 - 03/31/25
(PI) \$424,197– Effort: 2.82 Person Months
This research focuses on identifying the proprioceptive area responsible for balance recovery among older adults based on a novel objective approach that incorporates stochastic vibratory stimulation and wearable sensor technology. Further, in the proposed research, we will implement vibratory stimulation to improve balance recovery behavior among high fall risk older adults with proprioceptive deficits.

State Research Grants

1. Acceleration for Success: Characterizing Navigation Under Emergency Circumstances to Develop an Escape Guidance System
(Hazeli/Toosizadeh/Ekstrom)

- 7/1/2022 – 7/31/23
(Co-I) \$45,523
Virtual-reality platform to assess human escape mechanism under stress
2. Acceleration for Success: Subsensory Stochastic Vibratory Stimulation to Assess and Improve Aging-related Proprioceptive Deficits Associated with Balance Recovery
(Toosizadeh/Fain/Taylor-Piliae/LaFleur)
7/1/2022 – 7/31/23
(PI) \$49,387
Improving dynamic balance in older adults with proprioceptive deficits using stochastic stimulation
 3. Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium: Assessing Dynamic Interaction between Motor and Brain Functions during Dual-tasking for Identifying Alzheimer's Disease: The Reliability Analysis for fNIRS Application
(Toosizadeh/Fain, Rapcsak, Chou)
7/1/2022 – 6/31/23
(PI) \$24,919
Cognitive impairment screening using wearable technology
 4. Tech Launch Asset Development UA13-153: Upper Extremity Frailty Assessment Method
(Toosizadeh)
2/2022 – 2/2023
(PI) \$46,189
Frailty assessment using smart watch
 5. Bio5 Rapid Grant: Application of Functional Near-infrared Spectroscopy for Identifying Alzheimer's Disease Based on the Motor and Brain Function Dynamical Interplay
(Toosizadeh/Fain, Rapcsak, Chou, LaFleur)
1/2022 – 7/2022
(PI) \$49,343
Cognitive impairment screening using wearable technology
 6. Innovation in Healthy Aging Behavioral Research: Combined Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis of Motor and Brain Function during Dual-tasking for Quick and Accurate Alzheimer's Disease Screening: Clinical Application of Functional Near-infrared Spectroscopy
(Toosizadeh/Fain, Rapcsak, Chou, LaFleur)
2/2022 – 6/2022
(PI) \$24,922
Cognitive impairment screening using wearable technology
 7. RG2017-13 Arizona AHEC: Novel Dual-task Balance Challenge to Prevent Falls in Older Adults
(Taylor-Piliae/Mohler/Toosizadeh)
9/2017 - 9/2018
(Co-PI) \$10,000
Improve balance and gait among older adults using low-cost in-home dual-task training
 8. UA Pepper Scholar – Acceleration For Success (AFS): Improving Post-operative Outcomes in Older Adults Undergoing Traumatic Emergency Major Abdominal Surgical (Toosizadeh/Gries)
04/01/2018 - 03/31/2019
(PI) \$40,000
The objective of this one-year PESP Independent Research Project is to explore the prevalence of clinical frailty syndrome using a validated upper-extremity function (UEF) method among older adults undergoing traumatic emergency major abdominal surgical procedure for predicting 30-day outcomes, including surgical complications, length of stay, discharge disposition, readmission, and mortality.

9. BIO5 Institute Team Scholars Program (Toosizadeh/Chen/Barnard)
07/01/2019-06/30/2020
(PI) \$65,000
Early-stage detection of brain network alterations due to the Alzheimer's disease: Dual-task-based fMRI analysis using machine learning approach
10. Flinn Foundation: Soft, Battery-Free, Wireless, and Wearable Digital-Health Platform for Continuous Frailty Assessment (Gutruf/Toosizadeh)
11/1/2019 - 4/30/2021
(Co-PI) \$100,000 – Effort: 0.12 Person Months
Development of a battery-free and soft platform that relies on far field power transfer to ultra-soft electronics. Through the creation of this long-range, soft electronic mesh, a robust system utilizing multimodal sensing capabilities can be realized for chronic health monitoring.

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