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GOOGLE GLASS BEING TESTED FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Newcastle University are investigating Google Glass as an assistive aid in order to help people with Parkinson's Disease retain their independence for longer.



Glass is a wearable computer being developed by Google. At first glance Glass appears to be no more than a pair of designer glasses. However, the system works like a hands-free smartphone that displays visual information on the lens of the Glass. The technology is voice-operated and is also linked to the internet. It is not currently available outside the USA. For more information go to a review of Google Glass :

<http://www.techradar.com/reviews/gadgets/google-glass-1152283/review>

Researchers have been working with a group of Parkinson's Disease volunteers aged between 46-70 years. They are working on the next stage of the project, using the technology to provide discreet prompts linked to key behaviours typical of Parkinson's Disease, such as reminding the individual to speak up or to swallow to prevent drooling. Glass can also be used as a personal reminder for things such as taking medication and making appointments. Glass is connected to the internet so that the wearer can link it to computers and mobile phones. So if the wearer is alone they just have to look through the Glass so that carers or relatives will be able to see exactly where they are. The wearer can also tell it to call someone and it rings them. For more information go to Newcastle University (Google Glass):

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/press.office/press.release/item/google-glass-puts-the-focus-on-parkinson-s>

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