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Abstract

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This presentation will discuss the potentials of telerobotics technologies for assisting and improving healthcare – we will consider telesurgery and telerehabilitation as two examples. Robotics can facilitate surgery through several small incisions in the body (as opposed to open surgery) and over a long distance. Robotics can also enable in-home telerehabilitation (as opposed to hospital-based rehabilitation) of patients suffering from impairments in bodily motion through emulating physical hand-over-hand movement therapy over the Internet.