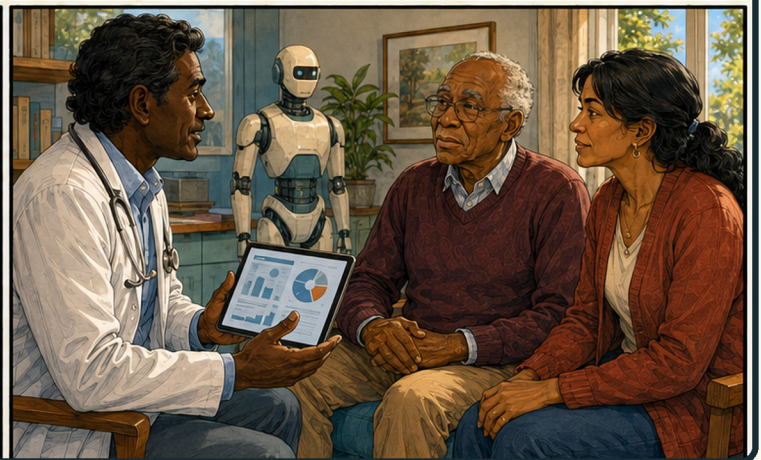
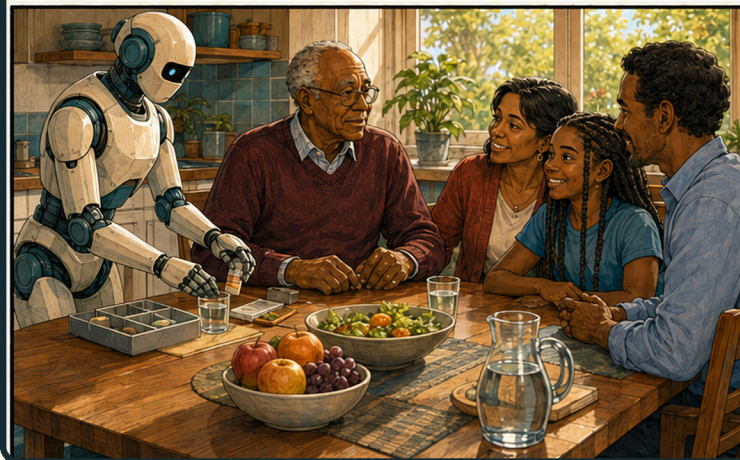
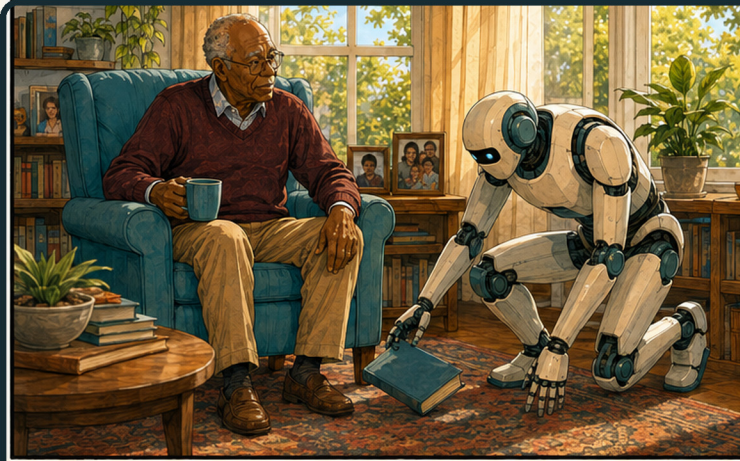


# BEING MORTAL IN THE AGE OF AI

How humanoid robots may reshape aging, care, autonomy, and death

## CENTRAL IDEA

Technology may help people preserve independence, purpose, relationships, and dignity longer.



## 1 REMAIN AT HOME LONGER

- Robots can retrieve objects, handle chores, give reminders, and summon help.
- Mobility aids can preserve walking and personal control.

## 2 SUPPORT HUMAN CARE

- Machines can take over lifting, monitoring, and repetitive work.
- Family and caregivers gain more time for affection and conversation.

## 3 IMPROVE DECISIONS

- AI can explain choices, burdens, and likely outcomes in plain language.
- It can preserve the patient's goals for use during a crisis.

## 4 KEEP THE PERSON IN CONTROL

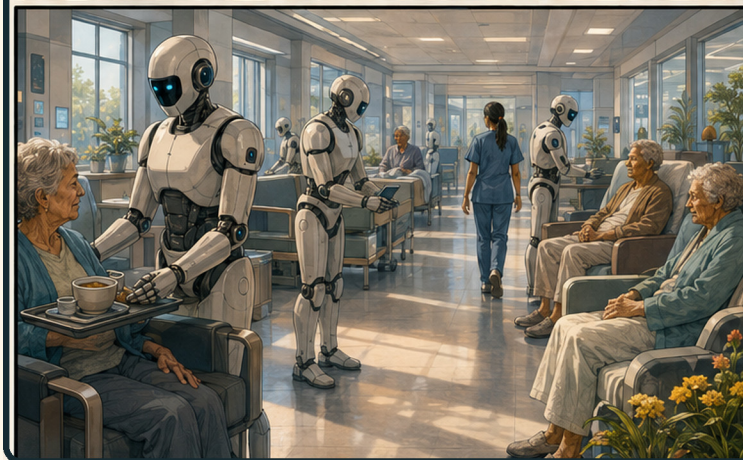
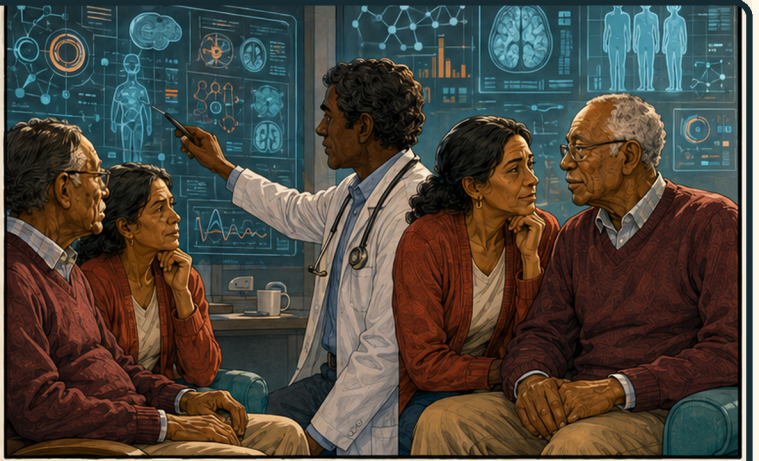
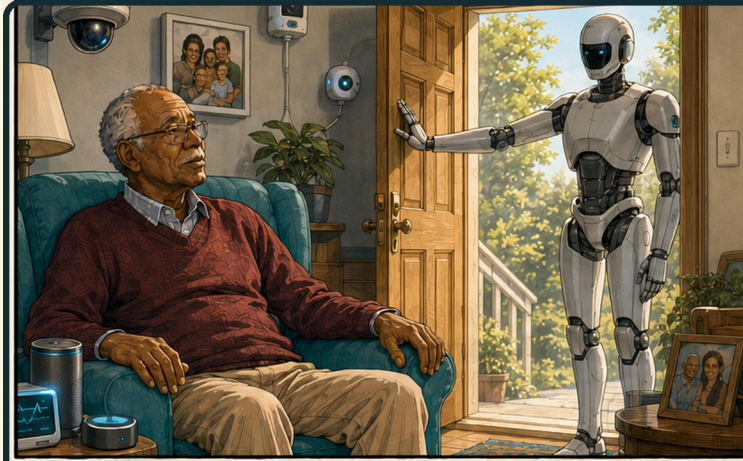
- The goal is not simply more treatment or more monitoring.
- Technology should serve what makes life worthwhile for this person.

# WHEN TECHNOLOGY GOES TOO FAR

The same tools can protect autonomy - or quietly take it away

## THE CENTRAL TENSION

AI could help medicine accept mortality more compassionately - or resist mortality more aggressively.



### 1 SAFETY WITHOUT FREEDOM

- Sensors may let someone live alone while eroding privacy and choice.
- Software rules can make a person safer but personally less free.

### 2 TREATMENT WITHOUT WISDOM

- AI may always find one more treatment that could be attempted.
- More intervention can add suffering without adding meaningful life.

### 3 EFFICIENCY WITHOUT HUMANITY

- Institutions may substitute machines for people and call it care.
- Automation must supplement human attention - not replace it.

### 4 GAWANDE'S DECISIVE TEST

- Does it preserve goals, choice, relief, proportion, and connection?
- Human compassion, moral judgment, and presence cannot be delegated.