

In the article, "Will robots help the bedridden see the world?", Heather Kelly explains that there is a new technology called a "Beam". A Beam is a robot people can use to navigate a location that they are not physically present in. Currently, the technology is being used by a select few of bedridden or disabled individuals to virtually visit art museums. The robot is a screen on wheels that is controlled by the user on their laptop at home and is currently in action at 7 museums. Beam gives autonomy, independence, and a new perspective of the world to those who have disabilities. Museums and tourism are a new market for telepresence automatons who are usually taken by companies whose workers are telecommuters. There are some complications to fix about using Beam in museums before they become a convenient tool such as the cost of it, and safety concerns. Disabled people hope that in the future Beam and similar automatons can help them visit other countries, understand other lifestyles, and tour national forests.

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