

EMMA the robotic massage therapist

A robot capable of giving targeted physiotherapy massages to relieve muscle strains and injuries has been developed by local start-up AiTreat, and was previewed on Jul 18. The Expert Manipulative Massage Automation (EMMA) was created by Nanyang Technological University (NTU) graduate and AiTreat CEO Albert Zhang. MrZhang, a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician of five years, said: "TCM is competing with other industries for physically fit people who can learn TCM knowledge. It's pretty difficult. The salaries keep increasing. The clinics are not earning a lot of profit, even though the charge is not low any longer." So we hope, other than the solving the labour shortage, the robot can also bring scientific data. So, TCM (practitioners) can do research, can have scientific support to show to their patients what their condition is, what their improvement is, and what should be done in the future. "It can be programmed to meet anyone's therapeutic needs.

