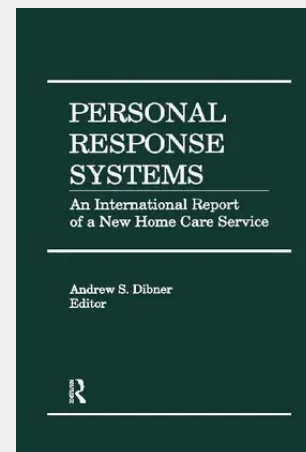


Personal Response Systems

An International Report of a New Home Care Service

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