

Bioengineering Day Poster Addendum — 02BTECReimold

1. Desired Needs

- One major need was to create a testing system that could quantify device function, which was fulfilled through the use of fluid dynamics principles and integration of various sensor types.
- Another need was to ideate and implement design changes to the AUS cuff, which was carried out through CAD modeling and the development of a FEA platform to perform preliminary pressure/tension analysis on device iterations

2. Constraints

- a) Safety/Regulatory Affairs: Could not verify biomaterial changes due to testing constraints, and therefore had to approximate with similar materials
- b) Risks: Changes could potentially introduce new failure modes
- c) Global Impact: Surgery to implant device is specialized
- d) Manufacturability: Device would require complex manufacturing process and is therefore difficult to prototype
- e) Quality Control/Marketability: Very marketable but is difficult to quality control on a small scale due to how fine-tuned the device is

3. Engineering Standards

Major engineering standards relevant to this project include ISO 10993 for biocompatibility of medical devices, ISO 14971 for medical device risk management, and ISO 14630 for requirements of non-active surgical implants.

4. Ethical, Environmental, or Societal concerns

This project raises ethical and societal concerns related to patient safety, accessibility, and long-term quality of life, as modifications to an implantable medical device must not introduce additional risks such as tissue damage, infection, or device failure.

5. Active Teamwork & Leadership

Since this was the first time this project has been implemented at UCSD, we had to go through a lot of decision making for the direction of the project, which involved a lot of constructive discussion and splitting work so that multiple avenues could be explored to meet our goals and deadlines.

6. New knowledge, Initiative, & Persistence

This project was particularly conducive to being creative because of its' open-ended nature, so we were very motivated to try different ways of accomplishing our goals, leading failures which then informed our successes!

7. Innovative and/or entrepreneurial ideas

Our benchtop model could help reduce R&D costs for the rapid prototyping phase of devices designed to address urinary incontinence, even beyond the AUS; furthermore, our work to characterize and improve upon the AUS itself has the potential to improve QOL for a significant patient population.