

Tibial Stent Design Team Progress Report

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Problem Statement

Tibia fractures are common in children, and these injuries are currently managed nonoperatively using casts; however, a surgically implanted device would provide more structural stability and aid the healing of the fracture. Adult patients with this injury typically have a rigid intramedullary device implanted into their tibia bone. Unfortunately, these implants cannot be used in pediatric patients due to the presence of growth plates at the implantation site. A previous design team produced a working device that can enter the medullary canal through a hole in the side of the bone and then expand outward to stabilize the fracture, held in place by static friction against the canal wall. This device is flexible enough to fit into the canal, yet rigid enough to maintain fracture reduction, can be secured in place with screws, and can be removed from the canal when desired; however, the device is not fully fixated against the walls of the bone canal, and the friction force of the device is not sufficient to prevent axial rotation within the canal. This rotation can lead to device failure resulting in unnecessary pain for the patient and extra surgery to correct the issue.

The goal of this semester is to improve the existing device by improving its fixation and adding more radial force thereby advancing this project toward clinical use.

Last Week's Goals (14-7 days ago)

- Finish specifications of segmented car-jack and complete design matrix to compare spring and segmented car-jack designs – have final locking mechanism design determined by Tuesday (11/12)
- Contact fabrication firm about fabricating the caps and segmented center piece (if chosen) or custom spring supplier (if spring design selected)
- Investigate manufacturing firms that can manufacture ribbon braid design
- Have caps and locking device designed and ordered by Friday (11/15)
- Have custom ribbon braid ordered (if possible) by Friday (11/15)

This Week's Goals/Individual Goals (7-0 days ago)

- Order all components of device by Monday (11/18/13) after integrating Dr. Halanski's feedback
 - number of copies of device components to be determined – allow for assembly error
- Order metal ribbon material to attempt to make a biaxial braided sleeve
 - thickness and width to be determined
- Draw up a protocol for testing the device
 - flowchart diagram for testing this device
 - what equipment is necessary? how will the device be inserted? etc.
- BME 300 team members attend Welding 1 seminar and gain experience welding small objects
- We do not anticipate receiving parts from the fabrication firm until next week; however, if parts do arrive, we will *immediately* proceed to device assembly to begin testing as soon as possible

This Week's Accomplishments

- Completed SolidWorks for mid-cap, end-cap, and linked segment of centerpiece
- Researched fabrication firms in the Madison area with quick turn-around
- Created written draft of protocol for testing the device
- Created MATLAB code to analyze 3-point bend test data

Project Difficulties

- Several unmet goals this week - lack of team member availability
- Team is way behind schedule - concerned about completing prototype

Next Week's Team Goals

- Finish SolidWorks by Friday (11/22/13) and contact fabrication firms
- Order materials and parts by Friday (11/22/13)
- Contact shop about setting up welding seminar
- Create final protocol for testing the device
- When parts arrive begin assembly and testing immediately

Summary of Design Accomplishments

- The team is meeting weekly to accelerate the design process
- The team has met with previous semester design team to better understand where the project currently stands
- The team has completed the problem statement and the PDS
- The team has used a design matrix to select the design alternative for the final design that best addresses the needs for the project
- The team has completed the Midsemester Presentation and Midsemester Report
- The team has ordered TechFlex Flexo Braided Stainless Steel sleeves for preliminary testing
- The team met with Dr. Yen (Biomechanics) who consulted on this project previously to discuss options and methods for mechanically testing axial rotation of the device inside of the bone canal
- The team is having regular meetings more frequently to further accelerate the design process

Expenses

- TechFlex Flexo-Braided Stainless Steel from wirecare.com - \$47.15

Schedule for Fall 2013

Task	September				October				November					December	
	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13
Groundwork															
Set Meeting Time	X	X													
Brainstorming	X	X	X	X	X			X	X						
Biomaterials Lab Access										X					
Research															
Tibia Fractures	X	X	X	X											
Stent Protocol	X	X	X	X	X										
Fixation Methods	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Contextual Research	X	X	X	X	X	X									
Prototyping															
Order Materials						X	X	X	X	X	X				
Build Prototype									X	X	X	X			
Test Prototype								X	X	X	X	X			
Deliverables															
Progress Reports	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Notebooks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
PDS			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Midsemester Presentation				X	X										
Midsemester Report				X	X	X									
Final Poster												X			
Final Report												X			
Meetings															
Advisor Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Team Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Client Meeting				X							X				
Website															
Update	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

Activities

Person(s)	Task	Time (hrs)	Weekly Total	Semester Total
Evan	<i>Team Role (Leader)</i>		7.5	126.0
	Weekly progress report	1.5		
	Developed next week's team goals	1.0		
	<i>Other</i>			
	Client Meeting	1.0		
	Weekly Team Meeting	2.0		
	Handwritten Testing Protocol	2.0		
Karl	<i>Team Role (Communicator)</i>		12.5	89.0
	Contact Fabrication Companies	1.5		
	<i>Other</i>			
	SolidWorks Modeling	10.0		
	Client Meeting	1.0		
Tyler	<i>Team Role (BSAC)</i>		14.0	60.0
	BSAC Meeting	1.0		
	<i>Other</i>			
	SolidWorks Modeling	10.0		
	Research patent procedure	1.0		
	Client Meeting	1.0		
	Weekly Team Meeting	1.0		
Sarah	<i>Team Role (BWIG)</i>		4.0	65.5
	Update Website	0.5		
	<i>Other</i>			
	Client Meeting	1.0		
	Fabrication Research	0.5		
	Weekly Team Meeting	2.0		
Lida	<i>Team Role (BPAG)</i>		5.5	51.5
	n/a			
	<i>Other</i>			
	Client Meeting	1.0		
	Weekly Team Meeting	0.5		
	Research/Brainstorming	1.0		
	3D Modeling	2.0		
	MATLAB coding for testing	1.0		