Inflatable Vertebral Body Distractor (IVBD)

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Problem Statement

In some cases of spine surgery, the intervertebral disc is removed and the vertebral bodies are distraction to help with alignment of the spine. This is often done with metal spatula shaped tools or with mechanical jacks. Both of these tools have two problems. One, they have a narrow surface area so they can easily fracture the bone with the distractive forces. Two, they work along a linear trajectory so they cannot be manipulated easily to different regions of the intervertebral space to allow working space for graft placement. The goal of this project would be to develop an inflatable vertebral body distractor.

Last Week’s Goals

• Test new prototype
• Test insertion method

Summary of Team Role Accomplishments

• Created new prototypes using multiple different molds
• Started preliminary presentation and report
• Further developing testing methods

Summary of Design Accomplishments

• Created multiple new prototype

This Week’s Goals/Individual Goals

• Preliminary presentation
• Finish preliminary report
• Create more prototypes
• Test prototypes

Project Difficulties

• Sealant/sealing three adjacent inflatable devices together
• Decrease bubble composition throughout the silicone
• Small molds make it hard to fill completely with silicone
• Insertion method is our biggest challenge at the moment
### Activities

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### Project Schedule

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### Expenses

- Pump: $100.00