

Title: Hydrocephalus Shunt Valve

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Problem Statement: When the heart beats, it approximately moves blood at a rate of 1000 ml/min. Only about 1 ml/min enters the blood brain barrier and is later reabsorbed. For patients with hydrocephalus, the body's ability to reabsorb the fluid is significantly diminished, causing pressure to accumulate in the skull. In order to decrease the intracranial pressure, hydrocephalus patients must have surgery to insert a shunt valve to allow for fluid drainage. The current valves are not without fault, and fail 40% of the time. The goal of this project is to improve upon mechanical shunt valves by incorporating ambient pressure like in US patent 9526879.

Summary of Team Roles and Accomplishments:

- *Emma Alley, Leader:* Set up meeting times
- *Andrew Miller, Communicator/BPAG:* Contacted individuals for purchasing
- *Karl Fetsch, BWIG:* No updates to the webpage were needed this week.
- *Catharine Flynn, BSAC:* BSAC meetings as necessary

Summary of Design Accomplishments: The Team has set up time to fabricate and test the device.

Activities:

Name	Total Hours	Activities
Emma Alley	2	2017/04/14 Design Meeting and proposal (2hrs)
Andrew Miller	2	2017/04/14 Design Meeting and Proposal (2hrs)
Karl Fetsch	2	2017/04/14 Design Meeting and Proposal (2hrs)
Catherine Flynn	2	2017/04/14 Design Meeting and Proposal (2hrs)

Statement of Team Goals: The team plans on building and testing the device as well as creating our poster.

Individual Goals:

- *Emma:* Plan the tentative schedule for moving forward and schedule meetings
- *Andrew:* Contact the client about team meetings

- *Karl*: Update the website as necessary
- *Catherine*: Attend BSAC meetings as necessary.

Difficulties: The BME design room changed the computer password so we were not able to find the spring constant last Friday.

Project Schedule/Timeline:

Week (starts on Fridays)	Goals Before the Start of the Week
April 21	Build a Prototype on Friday, and Test it over the weekend
April 28	Poster Presentation

Expenses:

Equipment	Price
O-Rings (10)	\$8
UHMWPE rod	\$12.96
Total	\$20.96