# What is Engineering?





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#### Engineering is...

**Engineering** is the discipline, art and profession of acquiring and applying technical, scientific, and mathematical knowledge to design and implement materials, structures, machines, devices, systems, and processes that safely realize a desired objective or invention.







#### **ENGINEERING BEYOND BOUNDARIES**

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Education for a rapidly changing world...

ENGINEERING BEYOND BOUNDARIES (EB2) is a new, long-term educational transformation initiative in the College of Engineering that will encourage faculty and staff to rethink our academic culture to address important shifts, including:





#### **Grand Challenges**

Throughout human history, engineering has driven the advance of civilization.

These are the current themes of engineering considered the most important:

- Sustainability
  - Health
- Vulnerability
- Joy of Living



http://www.engineeringchallenges.org/cms/8996/9221.aspx





Make solar energy economical



Provide energy from fusion



Develop carbon sequestration methods



Manage the nitrogen cycle



Provide access to clean water



Restore and improve urban infrastructure



Advance health in formatics



Engineer better medicines



Reverse-engineer the brain



Prevent nuclear terror



Secure cyberspace



Enhance virtual reality



Advance personalized learning



Engineer the tools of scientific discovery

### Did you Know 4.0

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ILQrUr EWe8





#### The BME Department

- The University of Wisconsin is ranked first among public institutions, and second overall in annual research expenditures.
- The University of Wisconsin was ranked 14th among all schools of Biomedical Engineering to receive NIH awards in 2005.
- There were 36 new US patent applications filed by BME faculty members in 2006.





#### **Biomedical Engineering is...**

**Biomedical engineering** is the application of engineering principles and techniques to the medical field. This field seeks to close the gap between engineering and medicine. It combines the design and problem solving skills of engineering with medical and biological sciences to improve healthcare diagnosis and treatment.<sup>[1]</sup>











## We get to work with a surgery (Nissen Fundoplication)

- Treatment for chronic heartburn by GERD
- Daily problem for 15 million Americans
- Upper stomach wrapped around esophagus
- Liver retracted to expose surgical site



#### Here's our client (Dr. Gould)

 Surgeon at UW Hospital



#### **Our Goal**

- Decrease # of incisions
  - Cosmetic
  - Less risk of infection
  - Patient satisfaction





http://www.skininfection.com/images/ImgLib/Large\_380/WoundInfection/Surgery\_Sutures.jpg http://my.clevelandclinic.org/PublishingImages/Urology/umbilical\_incision.jpg

#### **Our Project**

#### (Complicated procedure...)

- 1. Attach suture to left crus
- 2. Thread suture through retractor
- 3. Insert retractor
- 4. Deploy retractor
- 5. Move retractor under liver
- 6. Pass suture out abdominal wall
- 7. Apply tension to retract liver



http://www.meb.uni-bonn.de/cancer.gov

#### **Our Device**

#### And it fits through here:





Torsional Spring

### Video Preface: Nathanson Retractor

Liver

Dedicated port required

Gastroesophageal Junction

http://adam.about.com





# Cool things you can do in engineering





### **Science Olympiad**











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#### **Concrete Canoe**







# Steel Bridge







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#### Formula SAE







## Tong & Schoof's Prizes









