# Improved Method of Securing Surgical Drains

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### **Background**

#### Surgical Drain Use

- Removal of blood, pus, or other fluids to prevent accumulation
- Commonly used clinically
  - Estimated at 75.5 million pieces sold in 2020, projected to reach 95.5 million by 2030 [1]
- Chest, Abdomen, Head, etc. applications

#### Surgical Drain Care

- Drain bulbs must be emptied for fluid measurement
- Drain site is cleaned once daily, tubing is stripped twice daily [3]

#### **Jackson-Pratt Drain**

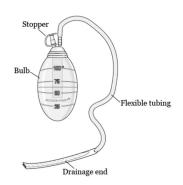


Figure 1: JP Surgical Drain [2]



#### **Problem Statement**

- Design a device that secures the surgical drain in place and develop a device that reduces the tension
  - Use in addition to sutures
  - Surgical drain care needs must be considered

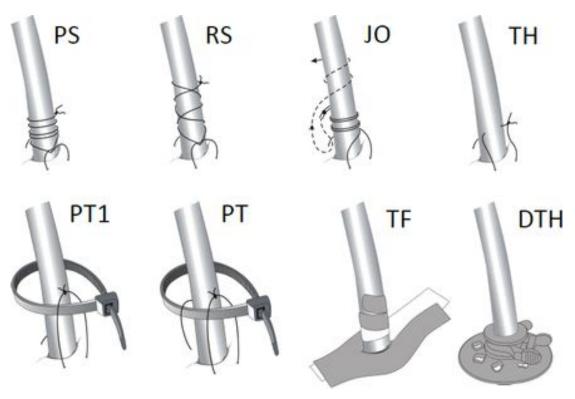


## **Product Design Specifications**

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- Compatible with any type of surgical drain
- Accessible drainage site
- Operate effectively at body temperature 98.3 +/- 4.0 °F
- Water resistant
- Materials used cannot interfere with natural wound healing

# **Competing Designs**



- Purse string
- Roman sandal
- Jo'burg
- Through the tube
- One pass locking tie
- Two pass locking tie
- Tape fixation
- Drain tube holder



# **Competing Designs**

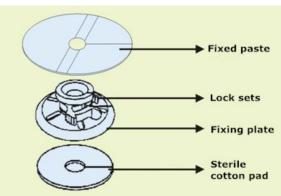


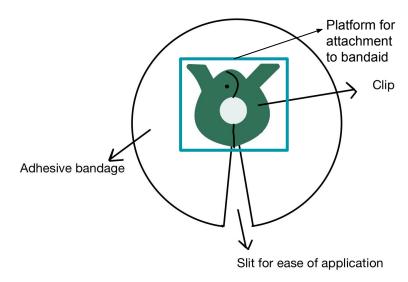
Figure 4: A disposable drain tube holder from Changzhou Haiers Medical Devices Co. Ltd. [6]



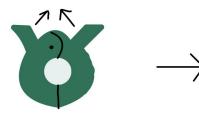
Figure 7: Drain tube attachment devices from Hollister Incorporated [7]

## **Design 1: Adhesive Bandage with Clip**

- Used with sutures
- Hydrocolloid bandage
- Clip made from high density polyethylene
- Attached to bandage by a glued platform
- Clip is adjustable for different sized surgical drain tubes



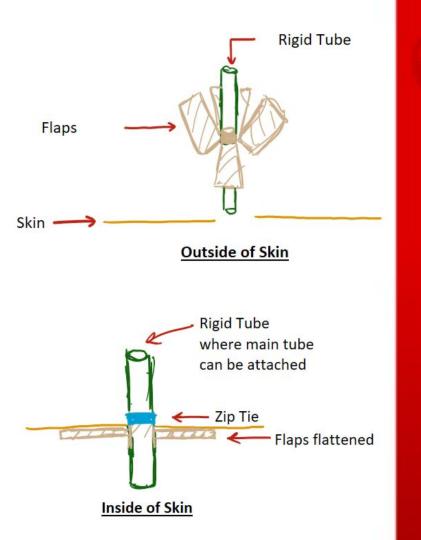
Clip mechanism





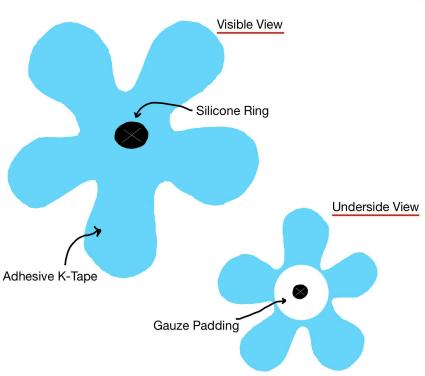
# Design 2: Interior Pressure Distributing Flaps

- No sutures
- Silicone flaps inserted under the skin
- When pulled up the flaps are flattened out under the skin
- Rigid tube would be made from high density polyethylene

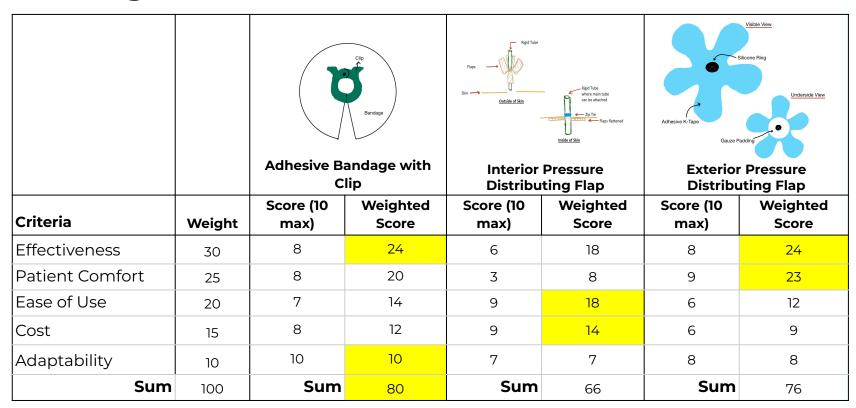


Design 3: Exterior Pressure Distributing Flaps

- Used with sutures
- Adhesive kinesiology tape design
- Pressure distribution
- Prevent adhesive irritation near suture
- The silicone ring holds the drain in place



#### **Design Matrix**



#### **Future Work**

- Meet with Dr. Russ Johnson Cardinal Health R&D
- Meet with Dr. Wilke UW Hospital
- Suture kit as model for fabrication & testing
- Research more on materials and begin fabrication

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