Stabilizer Device for Intracardiac Echocardiography (ICE) to Assist Structural Heart Interventional Procedures

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

• Dr. Amish Raval -

client/Interventional Cardiologist

- ICE Catheter instability
- Current method is wet paper towel or have a tech hold it
- Device must hold all types of ICE catheters and adjust it slightly



Figure 1: ICE Catheter [1]



BACKGROUND



Figure 2: 4D ICE Catheter insertion [2]

- Imaging Catheter
- Small, precise and clear images
- Femoral artery to inferior vena cava to see either right or left atria or ventricles [3]
- Patient is awake but local anesthesia



COMPETING DESIGNS



Figure 3: Abbott MitraClip Catheter with Stabilizer [4]

- Catheter held in place with screws
- Non-adjustable angled placement



Figure 4: Edwards EVOQUE Stabilizer, base, and plate [5]

• 3 components



DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

- Adjustable support fixture for the handle of ICE catheter
- Material must withstand ethylene oxide gas or heat sterilization [6]
- Adjustable height: 75 to 200 mm
- Adjustable angle: 0° to -30° from parallel to the operating table
- Translation: ±75 mm from point of insertion
- Allow for manipulation of the ICE handle controls while in stabilizer
- Compatible with different brands/models
- Manufacturing costs < \$300



DESIGN 1: BODY WEIGHT HOLDER

Pros:

• Everything above sterile

drape

• Reversible for either leg

Cons:

- Longer time to adjust angle
- Cumbersome translation adjustment
- Potentially bulky due to size





DESIGN 2: GOOSENECK

Pros:

- Highly adjustable (length, angle, position)
- Modular
- Low cost (~\$2 per module)

Cons:

• Potential stability issues with long arm







DESIGN 3: SLIDING LEGS

Pros:

 Simultaneous vertical and angular adjustment

Cons:

• Potential issues with security of rubber straps





DESIGN CRITERIA

Sterilizable [25] - ethylene oxide, heat, or gas methods

Usability [20] - ease of adjusting positioning, and ability to operate device controls

Adjustability [15] - range of motion (angular, vertical, translation)

Adaptability [15] - ability to be used for different models / devices

Cost [15] - cost of fabrication of production model

Ease of fabrication [5] - ease of prototype fabrication

Safety [5] - low potential harms to patient from accidents or misuse



DESIGN MATRIX

Criteria	Weight	Design 1		Design 2		Design 3	
		Body Weight Holder		Gooseneck Arm		Sliding Legs	
Sterilizable	25	4 / 5	20	2/5	10	3/5	15
Usability	20	4 / 5	16	3 / 5	12	5/5	20
Adjustability	15	4 / 5	12	5 / 5	15	5/5	15
Adaptability	15	3 / 5	9	4 / 5	12	3/5	9
Cost	15	4 / 5	12	5/5	15	4/5	12
Ease of fabrication	5	3 / 5	3	5/5	5	3/5	3
Safety	5	4 / 5	4	3 / 5	3	5/5	5
Total	100	76		72		79	



FINAL DESIGN

- Sliding Legs
- Refine 3 components:
 - Catheter holder
 - Height/Angle adjustment
 - Mount system
- Incorporate aspects of other

designs





FUTURE WORK

- Implement design changes
- Communicate with client
- Design and build initial

prototypes

• Follow testing cycle





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Questions?

