

Osteochondral Transplant Delivery System

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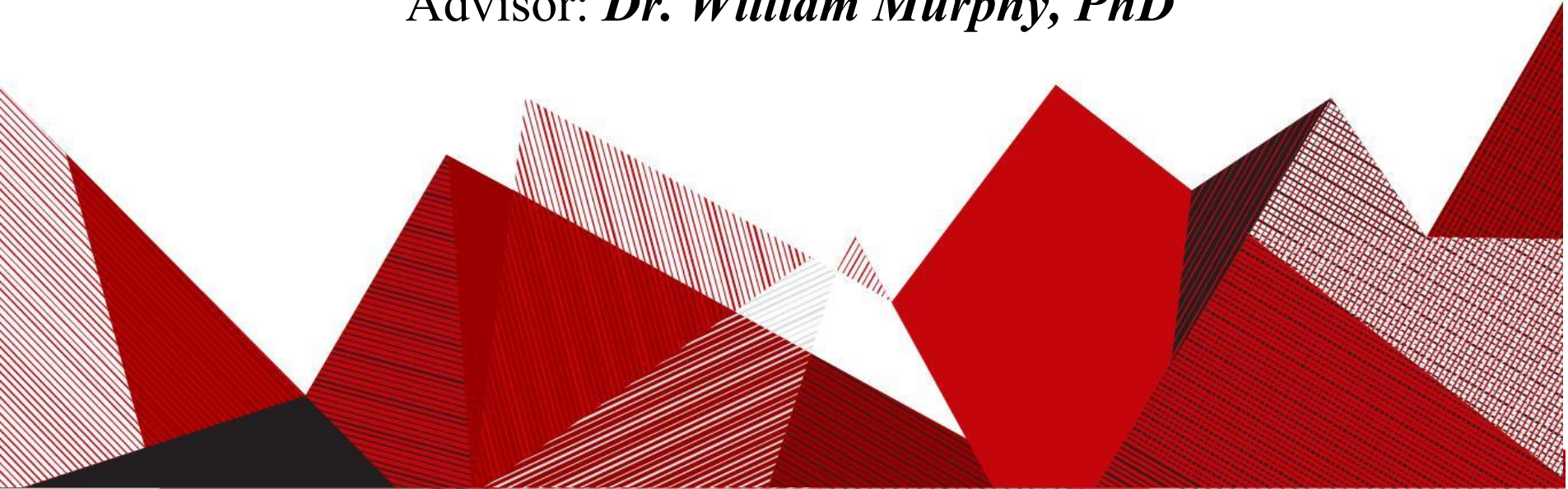
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Client Overview



- **Dr. Brian Walczak, DO**
 - Faculty, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
 - Orthopedic Surgeon
- **Specialties**
 - Pediatric Sports Medicine
 - Joint Preservation
 - Knee Arthroscopy



University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority,
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Problem Statement

- Osteochondral allografts (OCA) **repair defects** in cartilage and underlying bone
- Over **200,000 procedures** occur each year (2016) [1]
- Number of performed surgeries **increasing by 5% annually** in the US from 2004-2011[2]
- **Overall failure rate** is 18% [3]
- Current impaction method for graft placement **reduces chondrocyte viability** and **limits vertical adjustment**
- Client proposes a **screw-in graft** allograft to replace the press-fit method

Approach:

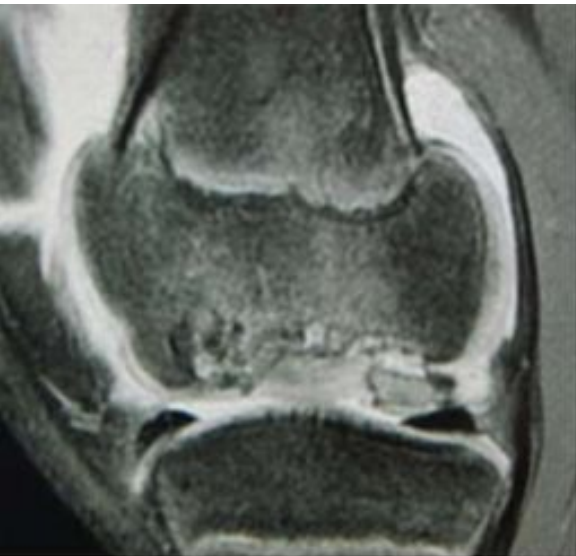
- Design the tools necessary to thread the recipient site and donor graft with the ultimate goal of maintaining chondrocyte viability above 70% [4]



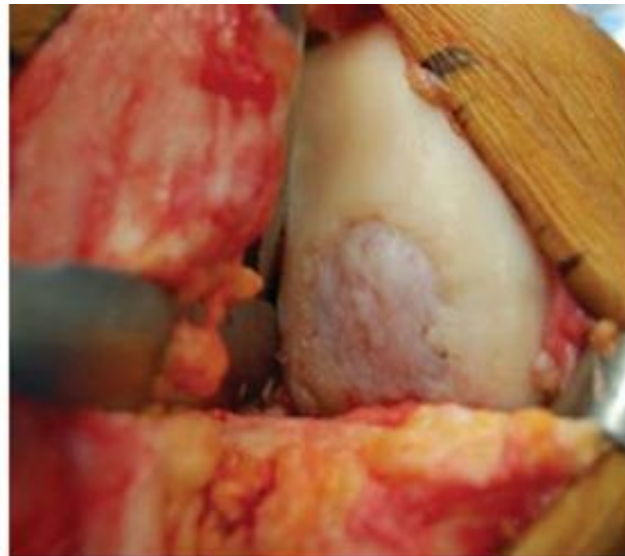
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Current Surgical Procedure

- Chondral defect identified via MR imaging (A)
- Defect exposed and sized with surgical guides (B)
 - Allows surgeons to select the smallest effective tools
- Guidewire is drilled into the center of the defect to direct the surgical reamer (C)
 - Depth markings on the reamer allow surgeon to drill to the proper depth



A



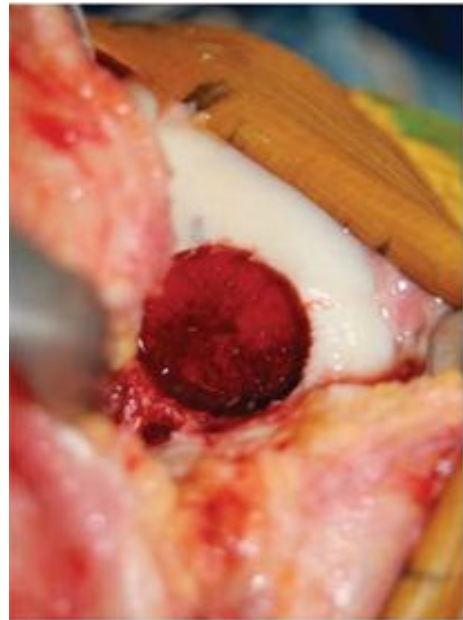
B



C

Current Surgical Procedure

- Allograft harvested from donor tissue (E)
 - Surgical hole-saw and oscillating saw cut the donor plug from the matched or contralateral condyle.
 - Plug height trimmed to match depth of receiving hole
- Impaction rod and hammer secure the donor plug in the patient (F)



D



E



F

Procedure Shortcomings

- Impaction is negatively correlated with chondrocyte viability [4]
 - Reducing impulse during impaction increases viability
 - Number of strikes not correlated with chondrocyte death
- Donor chondrocyte viability primary determinant of OCA success [5]
 - Viability ranged from 23-99% at 6 months in canine model
 - All successful grafts showed viability >70% (t=6 months)
 - Success factors included hyaline cartilage maintenance, subchondral graft integration, and lack of fibrous tissue infiltration

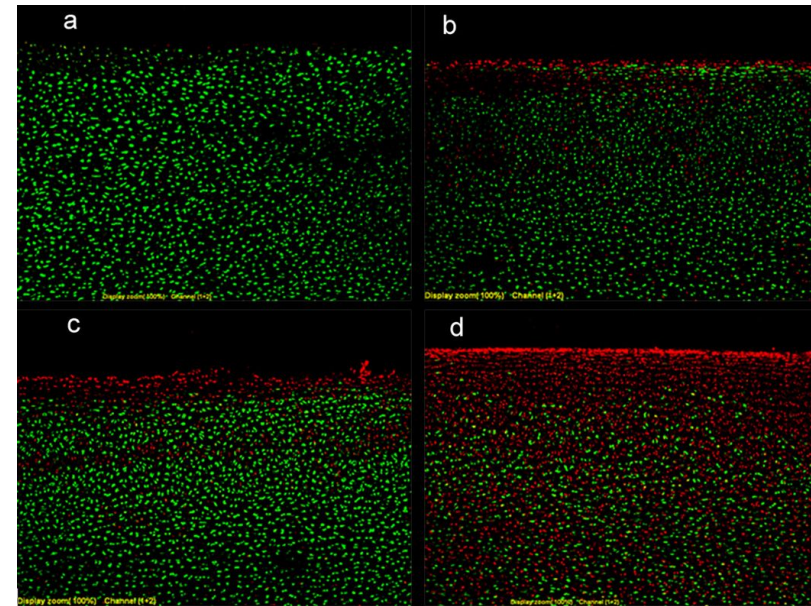
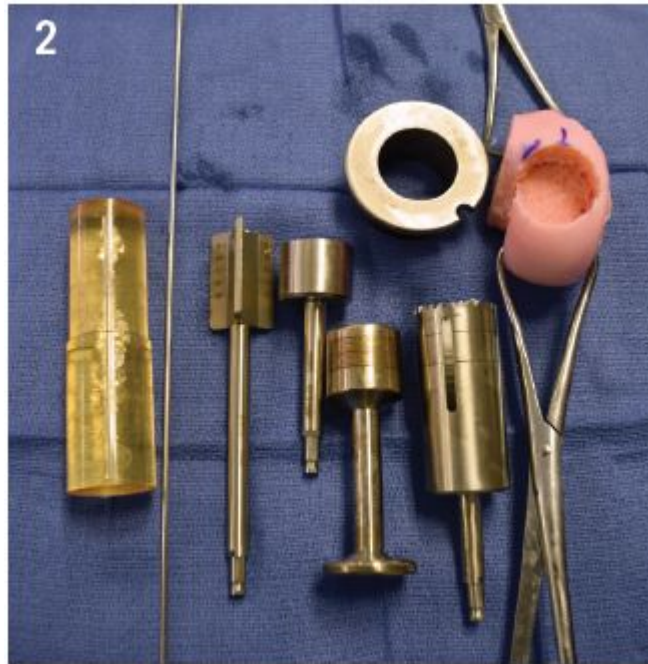


Figure 1. Live/dead stain after chondral impaction. (a) control (b) 75 N (c) 150 N (d) 300 N [5]

Current Surgical Systems

Arthrex Osteochondral
Allograft Transfer
System (OATS)



Zimmer® Chondrofix®
Osteochondral Allograft



Previous Design Teams

Design

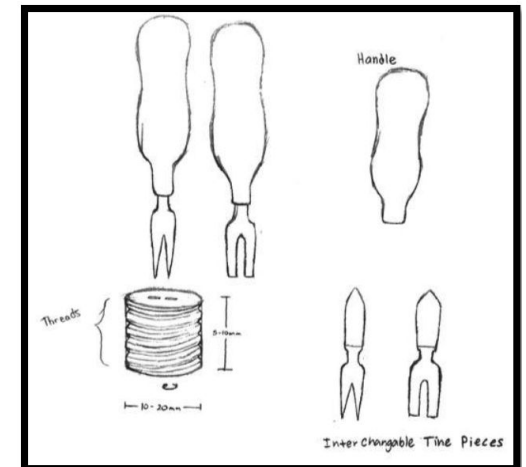
- Standard machine tools thread graft and donor site
- Suction cup to screw in threaded graft
 - Simple hand turning can set the graft

Testing

- Live/dead staining of porcine and bovine tissue
 - Porcine tissue is a better human analog

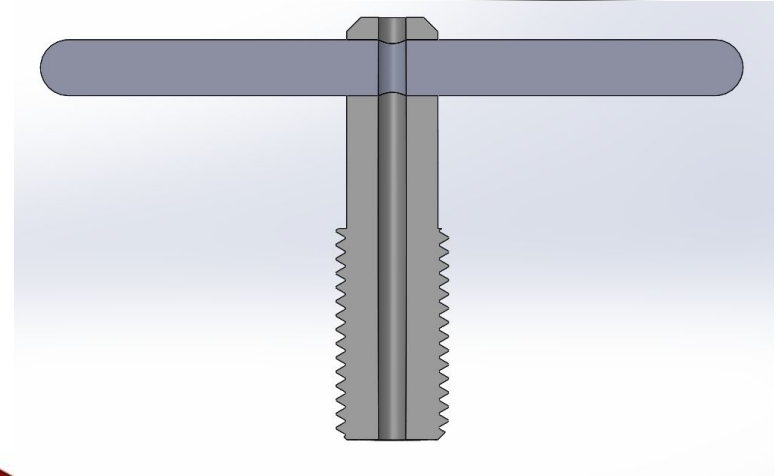
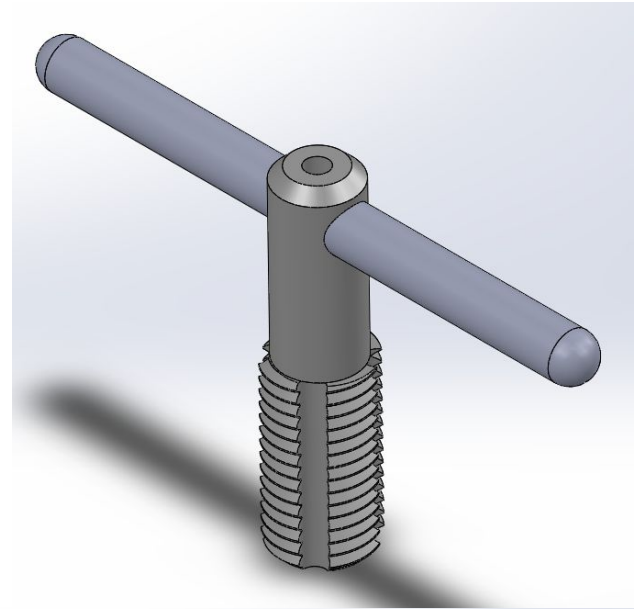
Shortcomings

- Testing showed conceptual promise, but a surgical device was not designed
 - Relied on machine tools that are incompatible with surgery
- No difference in chondrocyte viability compared to press-fit method



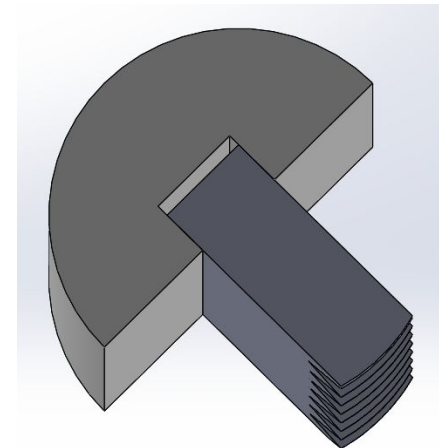
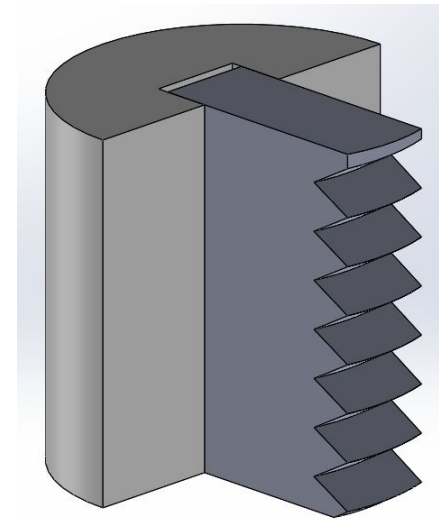
Recipient Site: Guidewire Tap

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Score</i>
Chondrocyte Viability Maintenance	20	4/5	16
Internal Thread Cutting Accuracy	20	5/5	20
Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	5/5	15
Procedure Time	15	4/5	12
Sterilizability	10	5/5	10
Safety	10	4/5	8
Manufacturing Time	5	4/5	4
Cost	5	4/5	4
Total	100		89



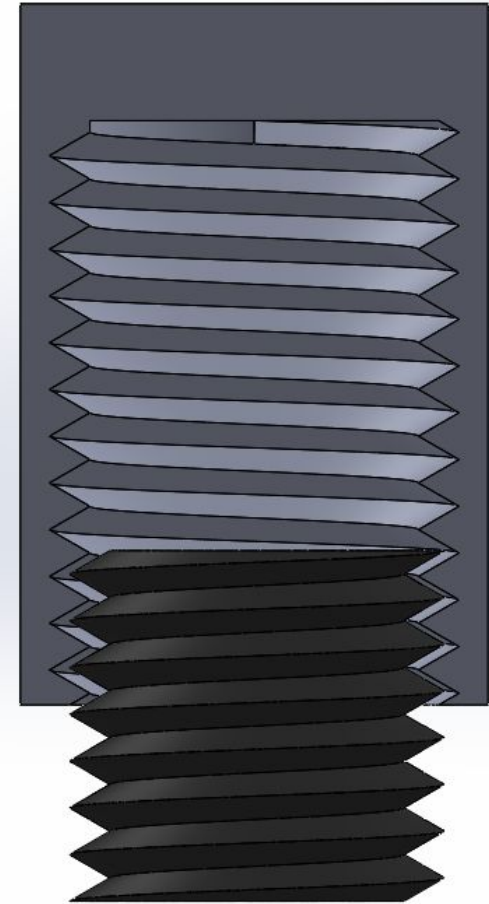
Recipient Site: Spring Design

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Chondrocyte Viability Maintenance	20	3/5	12
Internal Thread Cutting Accuracy	20	2/5	8
Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	2/5	6
Procedure Time	15	3/5	9
Sterilizability	10	4/5	8
Safety	10	2/5	4
Manufacturing Time	5	4/5	4
Cost	5	4/5	4
Total	100		55



Recipient Site: Protracted Tap

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Score</i>
Chondrocyte Viability Maintenance	20	3/5	12
Internal Thread Cutting Accuracy	20	3/5	12
Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	4/5	12
Procedure Time	15	4/5	12
Sterilizability	10	4/5	8
Safety	10	3/5	6
Manufacturing Time	5	3/5	3
Cost	5	5/5	5
Total	100		70



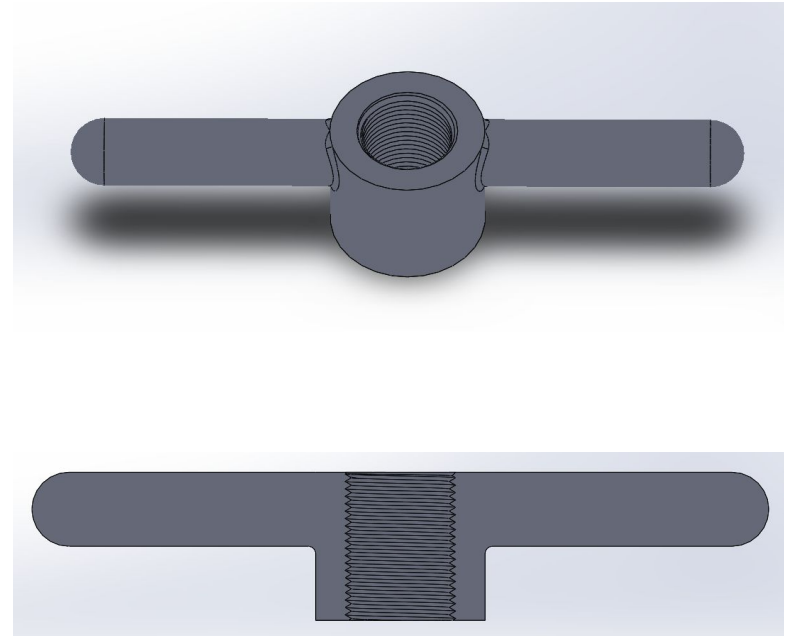
Donor Plug: Retracted Tap and Thread Design

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External Thread Cutting Accuracy	20	3/5	12
Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	4/5	12
Procedure Time	15	4/5	12
Sterilizability	10	4/5	8
Safety	10	3/5	6
Manufacturing Time	5	3/5	3
Cost	5	5/5	5
Total	100		70



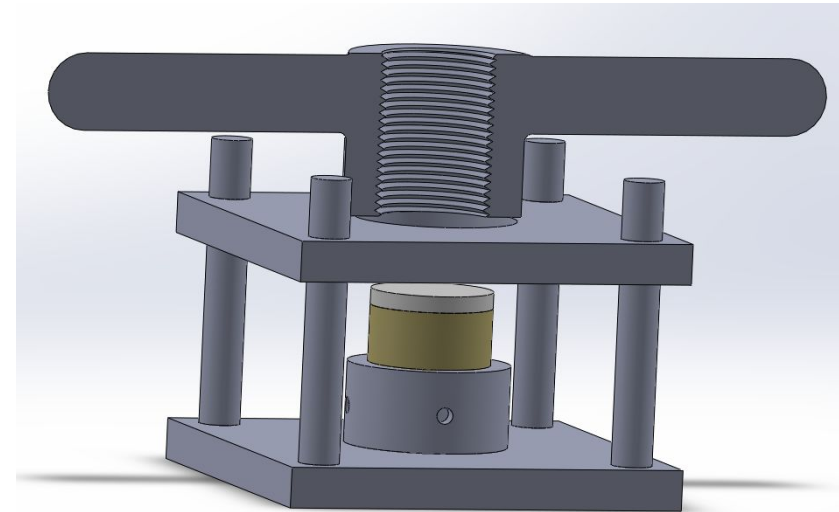
Donor Plug: Die Design

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Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	2/5	6
Procedure Time	15	4/5	12
Sterilizability	10	5/5	10
Safety	10	3/5	6
Manufacturing Time	5	4/5	4
Cost	5	5/5	5
Total	100		63



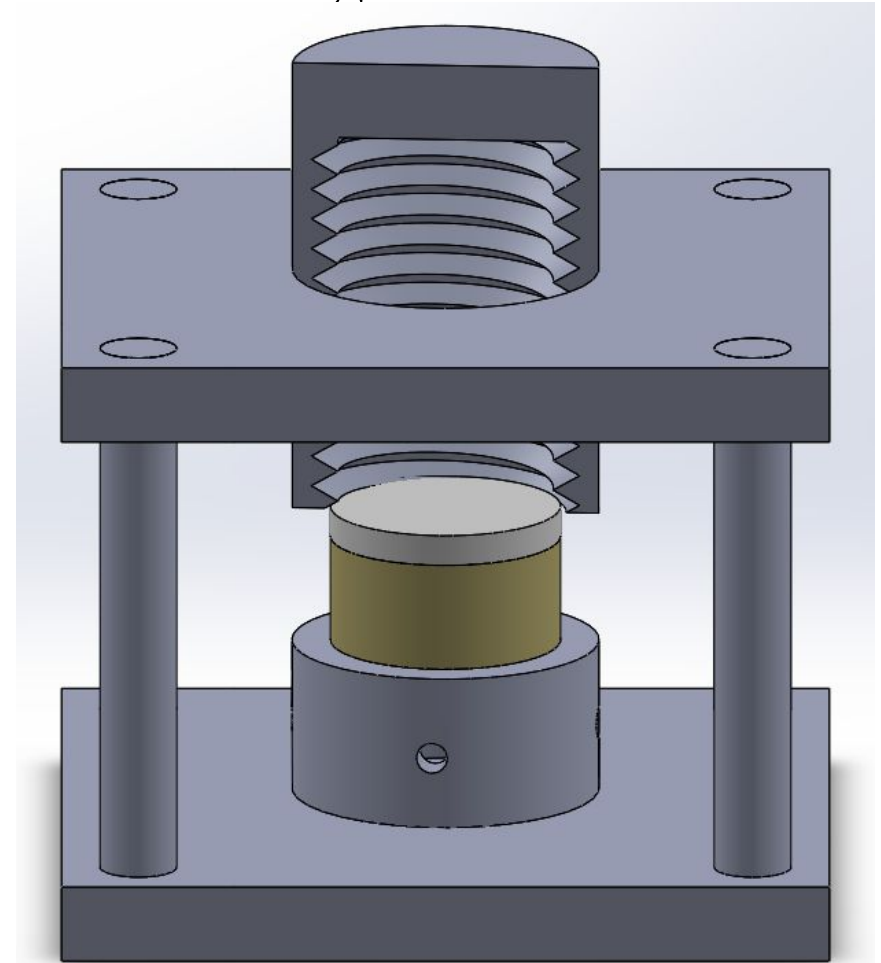
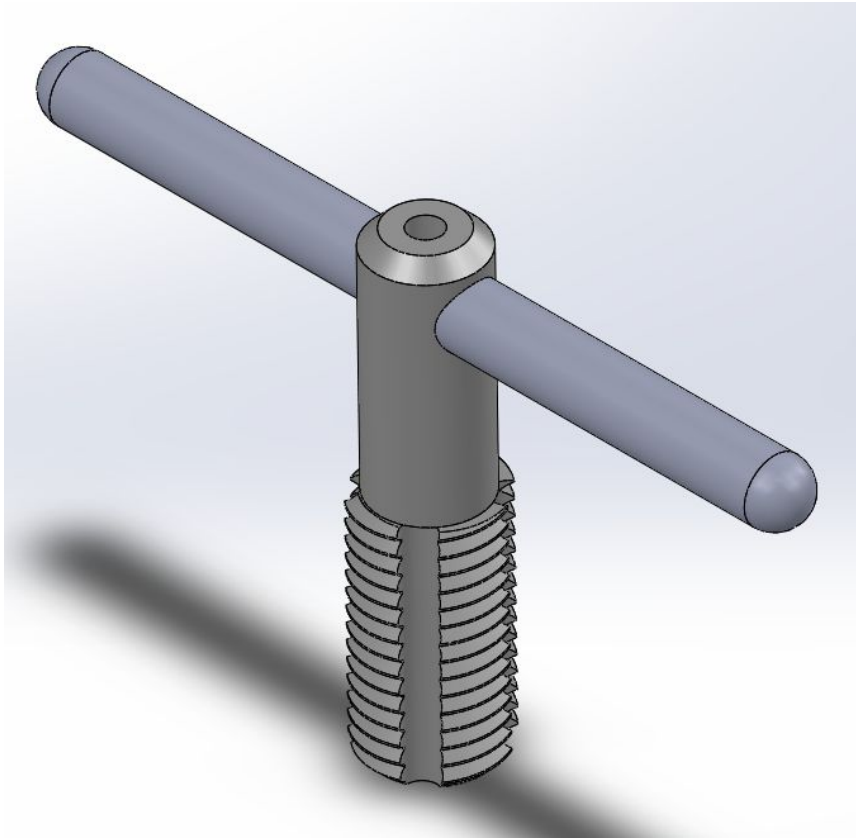
Donor Plug: Guided Die Design

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External Thread Cutting Accuracy	20	5/5	20
Ease of Use (Procedure Integration)	15	3/5	9
Procedure Time	15	4/5	12
Sterilizability	10	4/5	8
Safety	10	4/5	8
Manufacturing Time	5	3/5	3
Cost	5	4/5	4
Total	100		76



Proposed Final Designs

Guide Wire Tap & Modified Guided Die Design



Future Work

Design

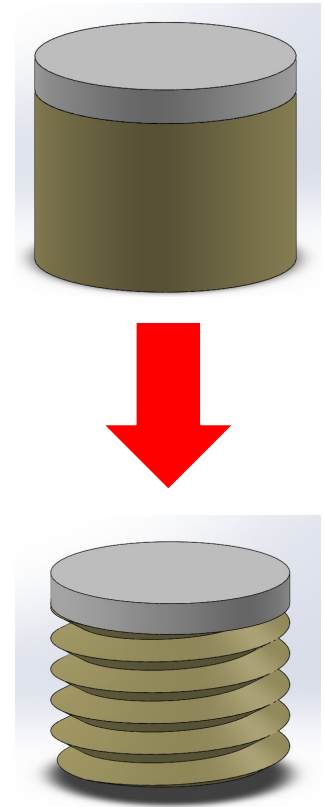
- Present final design to client for feedback
 - Make any suggested modifications
 - Refine design specifications

Fabrication

- Material selection and purchase
- Machine prototype

Testing

- Acquire viable porcine tissue
- Thread graft and recipient site
- Assess chondrocyte viability (live/dead staining)



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Questions?



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