

Multidimensional imaging-based models for cardiovascular procedural skills training (BVP model)

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Problem Statement

Interventional cardiology is a rapidly expanding field in veterinary medicine. Pulmonary valve stenosis occurs when a dog is born with a malformed pulmonary valve, which restricts blood flow from the right heart to the lungs. Balloon valvuloplasty is a palliative procedure in which a balloon-tipped catheter is inserted into the jugular vein to the valve and is then inflated to help reduce the severity of the stenosis. Recently, the UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine has experienced a decrease in caseloads of canines with pulmonary valve stenosis, preventing the cardiology residents from being able to practice repairing this disorder. There is a need for a heart model to mimic pulmonary valve stenosis for residents to learn and practice repairing these valves.

This device, a model-based simulation program will be implemented to maintain the cardiologists' surgical skill set and to aid in cardiology resident training. Simulator training using multidimensional imaging-based models will augment the training already provided in the interventional lab and help protect against the ebb and flow of procedural caseload eroding skills. It also provides a more consistent experience for our residents and provides an objective method of assessing individual progress amongst our trainees.

The goal is to develop a silicone 3D model of canine pulmonary valve stenosis which can be used to learn/practice essential skills like handling of guidewires/catheters, balloon positioning and inflation, and communication between veterinary interventionists. Computed tomography angiography (CTA) of dogs with pulmonary valve stenosis will be used to create the 3D models, which will be secured in place. Lastly, a document camera will project an image of what the user is doing with their hands onto a screen. This provides a more realistic recreation of the interventional surgery, where the surgeon watches a fluoroscopy screen to monitor the movement of the interventional equipment inside the patient.

Summary of Weekly Team Member Design Accomplishments

- Team:
 - Finished fabrication of full assembly
 - Consulted client on model progress
 - Left model with client to determine best equipment to experiment with
 - Decided to postpone subject testing until client is able to successfully use the model and make final changes
- Hunter Belting:
 - Assembled full model and testing camera projection
 - Met with client to test the model and discuss edits
- Anna Balstad:
 - Assisted with assembly of the full model
 - Reviewed edits to report introduction provided by client
 - Started writing executive summary draft
- Rebecca Poor:
 - Redesign heart box to include output for fluid
 - Print heart box
 - Insert images of full assembly into user manual
- Daisy Lang:
 - Redesigned jugular stand to incorporate slant
 - Assembled full model and tested with camera projection
 - Met with client to test model

Weekly / Ongoing Difficulties

N/A

Upcoming Team and Individual Goals

- Team:
 - Test model with client after making final edits
 - Begin user testing recruitment
 - Continue writing final report
 - Submit Executive Award Draft
- Hunter Belting:
 - Make edits to the prototype
 - Help with preparing for testing
- Anna Balstad:
 - Continue editing executive summary draft and submit
 - Assist with making edits to the prototype
- Rebecca Poor:
 - Assist in user testing
 - Finalize user manual
- Daisy Lang:
 - Make edits to shorten jugular and manually shave heart chambers as directed by client

- Test model with client using correct equipment and baby soap
- Begin recruiting subjects for testing

Project Timeline

Project Goal	Deadline	Team Assigned	Progress	Completed
Preliminary Presentation	2/7	All	100%	X
IRB	02/26	All	100%	X
Preliminary Report	2/26	All	100%	X
Executive Summary	4/18	All	30%	
Final Poster Presentation	4/25	All		
Final Deliverables	4/30	All		

