Medical Applications of Additive Manufacturing/3D Printing

	General	Anatomical Modeling	Surgical Planning	Personalized/Precision Prosthetics	Permanent Implants	Active & Wearable Devices	Pharmaceuticals*	Bioprinting/Tissue Fabrication
Brief Description	Non-personalized, instruments or prototypes	Patient-matched anatomical models from medical imaging studies (CT/MRI)	Templates, guides, and models after preparing a patient- specific surgical plan in a software environment (The 3D printed items are brought into operating room.)	Patient-matched prosthetics or orthotics	"Off-the-shelf" (Ability to create fine details easily, such as porous structures/surfaces) and patient- matched implants	Devices that include electronics or other active element	Printed for quick dissolving structure and other factors; potential to match a patient's unique requirements	3D printing of living cells or structures that regenerate living cells
Examples of What is 3D Printed	 Simple instruments: plastic or metal Specialized metal/other instruments for hospital/surgical use (e.g. plate bending) Testing pieces built with new materials Prototypes for iterative design process 	 Models for surgical preparation, training, and simulation (e.g. pediatric cardio, conjoined twins) Models for teaching or training purposes ("off-the-shelf" models) Models for communicating with patient, parents, and colleagues (e.g. scoliosis model) Simulation/Demo models to test fit and fixation of a device (e.g. stent deployment, implant sizing) 	 Guides that mark without cutting or injection; Examples: a. Surgical marking guide b. Implant placement guides (i.e. guiding placement of "off-the- shelf" total joint replacement components for total hip, knee and shoulder surgery) c. Radiation shields d. Imaging frames Cutting/Drilling guides for surgical injection/instrumentation; Examples: a. Guiding osteotomies in the bone b. Surgical saw guide c. Surgical drill guide 	 Patient-Matched Prosthetics/ Orthotics Direct Contact with Non- Mucosal Surface (e.g. glasses, body braces, hearing aids, casts, prosthetic limbs and attachments, etc.) Direct Contact with Mucosal Surface (i.e. dental and orthodontic applications) Assistive device 	 Serialized Implants Metallic Implants (e.g. titanium, titanium alloys, cobalt chrome alloy) PEEK/PEKK Implants Temporary or Permanent Implants Patient-Matched Reconstructive Implants Small Quantity Cases (e.g. limb salvage, oncology cases) "Everyday" types of implants (e.g. knee replacements) Temporary/Removable Implants (i.e. nasal stents) Permanent Implants: Non-Dissolvable (e.g. knee/bone implants) or Dissolvable Implants (e.g. tracheal splint) 	 Wearable sensors Lab on a chip Microfluidics Electronics for active devices 	 First FDA cleared drug: Spritam from Aprecia Pharmaceuticals, a quick dissolving epilepsy medication 	 Tissues or scaffolds used for regenerative engineering, drug delivery, drug discovery, toxicology, tissue engineering, etc. Tissue/organ on a chip Tissue and bone scaffolds
Technology	- 3D Printing - Materials	 3D Printing/Additive Manufacturing Image Processing Software Materials 	 3D Printing Biocompatibility Design Software Materials Surgical Planning Software Templating 	 3D Printing Design Software Digitizing Anatomy Manufacturing Workflows Materials Scanning 	 Additive Manufacturing (DMLS, EBM, SLS) Materials - 	 3D Printing Materials Telemetrics 	-	 3D Printing Materials Bioreactors
Issues of Importance	 Material Properties Repetitive Use Aging Cleaning and sterilization Re-use Foreseeable Misuse(e.g. device which was designed as a holding aid is bent or stuck with a mallet during use, or) 	 Imaging protocols Automation of Software Biocompatibility Cleaning and Sterilization Model Accuracy Multi-Materials Color Point-of-Care Proving it Matters (Reimbursement) 	 Imaging protocols Biocompatibility (including the debris from drilling/ cutting) Sterilization Efficiency Foreseeable Misuse Point-of-Care Proving it Matters (Reimbursement) 	 Automation of Design Biocompatibility Sterilization Build Orientation Foreseeable Misuse Model Accuracy Part Strength Secondary Post Processing Shelf Life Workflows and Efficiency 	 Biocompatibility Build Orientation Cleaning and Sterilization Part Strength Porous structure evaluation Process Control Secondary Post-Processing Shelf Life Speed and Relation to Cost Validations Verification and Inspection 	 Biocompatibility Cleaning and Sterilization Process Control Secondary Post-Processing Shelf Life Speed and Relation to Cost Validations Verification and Inspection 	 Drug purity Cleaning and Sterilization Process Control Secondary Post-Processing Shelf Life Speed and Relation to Cost Validations Verification and Inspection 	 Biocompatibility Cell Survival Materials Point-of-Care Sterility
Reimburseme nt model	- Generally, not reimbursable	 Covered by insurance in Japan (2016) Elsewhere, not directly reimbursable Cost generally covered as an overall savings to OR, hospital time 	 Not directly reimbursable Included by device manufacturers as a value- add Cost generally covered as an overall savings to OR, hospital time 	 Reimbursement same as existing similar, existing implants. 	 Reimbursement same as existing similar, existing implants. New types implants possible through AM/3DP, follow same path as all new devices. 	 Reimbursement same as existing similar, existing devices. New types implants possible through AM/3DP, follow same path as all new devices. 	 Reimbursement same as existing drugs. New drugs follow same path as all new drugs. 	-
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