

Rapid Response: Addressing Medical Device Challenges for Diabetes Care

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Introduction

In response to the escalating diabetes crisis, we partnered with a client specializing in medical devices to expedite the development and market introduction of a groundbreaking endoscopic treatment. Our objective was to address severe complications associated with type 2 diabetes while managing budget constraints and minimizing the project timeline.

Project Background

The project focused on developing a novel catheter for managing type 2 diabetes complications in response to the growing health crisis. With approximately 34 million Americans diagnosed with diabetes, the need for innovative medical solutions is urgent. The partnership aimed to streamline the traditional lengthy development process, enabling efficient market introduction while adhering to budget constraints.

By leveraging advanced manufacturing techniques and rapid prototyping, the collaboration sought to meet strict safety and performance standards, ultimately setting new benchmarks for speed and efficiency in medical device development.

Supplier Selection

Our engagement began with thorough consultations to understand the specific needs and constraints of the device. We focused on gathering requirements related to mechanical properties, safety standards, and performance metrics, ensuring all critical aspects were considered from the outset.

> Working with Aprios allowed us to produce multiple design iterations at a rapid pace, saving vital time – a crucial factor for startups.

> > Research and Development Engineer





Challenges

The project faced substantial obstacles, including limited funding that constrained testing and production. Additionally, technical complexities arose in creating accurate catheter tips that conformed to both functional and aesthetic criteria. Resolving these challenges was essential for ensuring the project's success and developing a quality product.

Solutions

To address initial challenges, we employed advanced additive manufacturing techniques, producing an initial prototype in under 24 hours. This rapid turnaround minimized lead times for testing and improvements. We also assisted the client in selecting optimal materials to ensure the device met strict biocompatibility and performance standards.

TECHNICAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Design for Manufacturing (DFM): We conducted iteration cycles that facilitated continuous testing and feedback from the client, ensuring real-time improvements.
- Material Selection: RPU 70, SIL 30, and RPU 130 were chosen for their strength, flexibility, and durability, respectively, addressing the needs of various components.
- **Optimized Features:** We incorporated internal supports and vent holes to enhance aesthetics and cleanability, while threaded features ensured easy assembly.





Manufacturing Processes

Our manufacturing process included rapid prototyping, material selection, and technical enhancements, which were crucial for developing high-quality medical devices. The use of advanced manufacturing techniques allowed us to maintain strict quality control throughout production.

- INITIAL CONSULTATION Gathering comprehensive requirements related to mechanical properties, safety standards, and performance metrics to ensure all critical aspects were considered from the outset.
- **ITERATION CYCLES** Rapid production of prototypes for continuous testing and feedback, allowing for real-time improvements based on client input.
- **FEATURE IMPROVEMENTS** Incorporating ergonomic and functional enhancements, such as textured surfaces for better grip.

Results

ACCELERATED PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Through the use of rapid prototyping and additive manufacturing, we drastically reduced the development cycle time. A prototype was created in less than 24 hours, enabling swift iterations and continuous testing.

COST EFFICIENCY

By optimizing the development and testing phases, we saved millions of dollars. This optimization prevented the need for the client to raise additional capital. Our streamlined process not only conserved financial resources but also expedited the pathway to clinical trials, a critical phase in medical device approval.





Future Outlook

We are committed to ongoing iteration based on trial feedback to adapt to the evolving needs of patients and healthcare providers. Our long-term goal is to enhance diabetes management solutions, improving quality of life for millions.

Conclusion

Through our collaborative efforts, we demonstrated the power of innovative manufacturing techniques in overcoming complex challenges, achieving both financial and time efficiencies while delivering a superior product. For further inquiries, please contact us to discuss how our innovative solutions can meet your needs.

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