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## **DICOM 3D Printing**

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## 3D Printing

 Many are familiar with home 3D printing



Octocat, Image credit: Allan Noordvyk



## 3D Printing

- Many are familiar with home 3D printing
- Other fields are seeing benefits of 3D printed components
  - Low volume components
  - Mass customization
  - Tooling & Prototyping

3D-printed titanium parts could save Boeing up to \$3 million per plane

The first common 3D-printed pril 2017 buildings might be army barracks – Fast Company, 14 September 2018

Volkswagen will use 3D printers to mass produce parts – CNN, 11 September 2018

How 3D printing could help save us from trade wars

– CNN, 13 August 2018

https://www.etachaeugra/activational/activ



## 3D Printing in Medicine

- "Off-the-shelf" low-volume items
- Custom lab equipment
- Patient-matched devices
  - Medical imaging used in design of custom devices



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- Practitioner
  - Notable/Teaching cases
  - (General education better handled through other means)



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#### Uses of 3D Printing and Medical Imaging - Diagnosis & Planning

Diagnosis



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#### Uses of 3D Printing and Medical Imaging - Diagnosis & Planning

- Diagnosis
- Planning
  - Surgical approach
  - Implant sizing and insertion
  - Surgical tool selection



Image credit: Stars and Stripes



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- Fitting
  - E.g., pre-bending plates



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## Uses of 3D Printing and Medical Imaging - Simulation

- Surgery practice
  - E.g., Insertion of stent in a tortuous vessel
- "Dry run" of complicated cases





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#### Uses of 3D Printing and Medical Imaging - Instruments/Guides

- Instruments
- Guides
  - Needle, e.g., biopsy
  - Cutting
  - Drilling



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## Uses of 3D Printing and Medical Imaging - Implants/Prosthetics



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Image credit: Yong Dawson



### 3D Printing Workflow

Request	<ul> <li>Practitioner, e.g. surgeon, determines need for a 3D printed model</li> </ul>
Image	<ul> <li>Relevant, suitable, imaging located or acquired</li> </ul>
Consult	<ul> <li>Technician discusses model requirements and presentation</li> </ul>
Segment and model	<ul> <li>Create model from imaging</li> <li>Addition of functional features (separations, sockets)</li> <li>Addition of orientation markings and patient identifiers</li> </ul>
Review and Refine	<ul> <li>Virtual model sent for review</li> <li>Model improved based on feedback</li> <li>Add printing supports, determine manufacturing orientation</li> </ul>
Print	<ul> <li>Select materials and colors</li> </ul>
Clean-up	<ul> <li>Remove printing supports, add magnets, etc.</li> <li>Sterilization</li> </ul>



### 3D Printing is cost effective

- Preparing and printing a 3D model is costly, but...
- ...results in cost reduction through:
  - Reduced operating room time (\$100/min)
  - Reduced materials waste

Potential for a cost savings of \$2,700 when using a 3D-printed model for orthopaedic surgical planning. The savings derives from a reduction in surgery times by 38 to 45 minutes per case through preparation on a 3Dprinted model of the patient's hip joint.

– UCSD and Rady Children's Hospitals (Journal of Children's Orthopaedics)

http://www.bonezonepub.com/1717-3d-study-showscost-savings



### Challenges with traditional 3D print workflow

- Patient safety
  - Wrong Patient, Wrong Imaging, Laterality errors
  - Model version issues
  - Scale errors
- Complicated workflow
- File handling
  - Model file naming conventions
  - Model file storage requirements
  - Management of source images
- Protection of patient information



# DICOM Encapsulated STL SOP Class (Sup. 205)

- STL is a common 3D model file format
- Modeling software can store models in PACS alongside patient imaging
  - Reduces wrong patient, wrong imaging errors
  - Simplifies workflow by eliminating manual movement of images and models
  - Eliminates need for model file naming, file storage conventions, separate storage

- Source images; frame of reference
- Relationship to patient anatomy (e.g. mirrored, modified)
- Scale
- Intended use (education, implant, etc.)
- Previous model, and reason for refinement
- Thumbnail image for quick view
- Burned In Annotation (0028,0301) now covers embossed/engraved PHI
- Recognizable Visual Features (0028,0302) now covers identifying



### Other DICOM 3D Manufacturing activity

- Encapsulation of additional model file types (OBJ, X3D, 3MF)
  - Includes materials and color information
- Reference implementation to wrap/unwrap STLs
- Overlap between 3D Printing and Augmented Reality/Virtual reality

#### Ask your PACS and Modeling Software vendors about DICOM 3D Model support!



## Questions?

