Surgical Planning

With Patient-Specific 3D Printed Medical Models
Increased Quality of Care

Personalization is the new norm in healthcare.

Highly accurate recreations of patient anatomy allow surgeons to interact directly with the patient anatomy/pathology prior to entering the OR. This means a better-optimized surgical plan and better-informed patients.

3D printed models allow surgeons to envision complex pathology and spatial and tactile orientations that 2D computer models can’t match. Procedures can be refined pre-surgery so there are fewer complications, shorter procedures and faster patient recovery times.

Accurate, realistic medical models help inform patients, enable a strategic surgical plan, reduce procedural cost and ensure an overall better outcome.
Improve Clinical Outcomes

**Plan**
3D printed medical models optimize a physician’s therapeutic approach.
Gain physical, spatial and tactile orientations that 2D computer models can’t match.

**Practice**
3D printed medical models help surgeons refine their clinical approach before surgery.
Gain shorter procedure time, fewer complications and faster recovery.

**Confirm**
3D printed medical models help ensure the planned procedure is case-appropriate.
Gain 3D view of patient’s anatomy and pathology.
Physicians and surgeons use 3D medical models* to:

- Evaluate and identify lower risk, less invasive approaches
- Make critical decisions before entering the OR
- Test different device types and sizes for optimal fit
- Pre-shape plates and select hardware based on the 3D model, pre-operatively
- Improve communication with multi-disciplinary teams
- Facilitate informed consent process for patient and family

*Software intended to create output files used for 3D printing patient-specific anatomical models for diagnostic purposes must be FDA cleared.
1 out of every 6 surgeries will result in complications

3D Printed Medical Models Help Reduce Complication Rates and Lower the Cost of Care

Mean hospital costs are 119% HIGHER for patients with complications.

Average Cost $16K
Complication Cost $20K
TOTAL COST $36K
The Stratasys Difference

- High resolution to print fine anatomy
- High accuracy
- Full color to differentiate anatomy
- Transparency to see internal structures
- Combine soft tissue and hard bone in a single model

Other Uses for Medical Models

- Education and training
- Recreate complex and challenging cases for residents and fellows to practice on
- Innovation: bring hospital staff ideas to life with rapid prototyping
- Custom tools: create research and clinical tools to meet surgeons’ needs

Use of 3D models during pre-procedure planning for left atrial appendage occlusion surgeries reduces the number of devices per procedure.²

3D models used to prepare for double outlet right ventricle surgeries results in a shorter stay in the ICU.³

Use of pre- and intra-operative real size 3D models for fixation in tibial plateau fractures results in shorter OR time.⁴
Real-World Impact

Congenital Heart Disease
Nicklaus Children’s Hospital, Miami, FL

A one-of-a-kind heart anomaly made 4-year-old Adenelie Gonzalez’s total anomalous pulmonary venous connection a high-risk surgery surgeons were reluctant to take on.

A 3D printed medical model of Adenelie’s exact malformation enabled Dr. Burke to visualize an operation to safely approach the procedure. From the 3D model, he was able to configure the patches necessary to repair her vasculature and match the exact shapes and dimensions of her deformed pulmonary veins.

“Based on the Stratasys 3D model, we were able to pre-empt potential complications and devise a more optimal means of treating Teresa’s aneurysm.”

Dr. Adnan Siddiqui
The Jacobs Institute, Department of Neurosurgery

Cerebral Aneurysm
Kaleida Health’s Gates Vascular Institute, University of Buffalo, and The Jacobs Institute, Buffalo, NY

A 49-year-old mother of three presented with an extended period of inexplicably diminishing vision. The determination was Teresa suffered from a cerebral aneurysm. Based on the 2D imaging, the team selected an aneurysm embolization device and attempted to deploy the chosen device into the 3D printed model. During this test they discovered the solution would not succeed.

“3D printing helped me take somebody from being inoperable to operable, and we’ve saved her life.”

Raymond P. Burke, M.D.
Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Cardiovascular Surgery
The ability to produce lifelike medical models in-house on our Stratasys 3D printer saves around 3 to 4 hours in OR time, per surgery, which at a cost of £5,000 ($6,499.50) an hour of operation room time, is quite a substantial cost saving.”

Steven Edmondson
Consultant Maxillofacial Prosthetist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, U.K.

Maxillofacial Surgery
Queen Elizabeth’s Hospital, Birmingham, U.K.
Severe cases requiring maxillofacial surgery to hold facial bones in place can be a lengthy process when employing off-the-shelf anatomical models to fit a patient’s unique measurements. Surgeons at Queen Elizabeth’s Hospital began using 3D printed patient-specific models for pre-surgical planning.