

BLUEPRINTS OF HOPE: THE 3D PATH TO PERSONALIZED PROSTHETICS

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FOR WHOM DO WE DESIGN?





- Biologically disabled people constitute more than 10% of the population in Poland.
- The overall number of disabled people is decreasing (2002 vs. 2011, GUS data), BUT the number of biologically disabled people is increasing!
- Causes: aging society, civilization diseases, accidents.



THE FUTURE IS HERE!



A modern digital process and 3D printing are replacing the traditional molding of prostheses and orthoses for people with mobility impairments

DAY 1 3D SCANNING DAY 2 RAPID MANUFACTURING DAY 3 FINAL PRODUCT



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3D Printing: Unlocking New Technical Possibilities + Potentially Low Cost

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Challenge: Engineers Needed for Product Design!



DAY 2 RAPID MANUFACTURING







NEEDS AND PROBLEMS

- The costs of **professional prostheses** are **very high** (>10k PLN), with a **long preparation time**.
- Without a prosthesis spinal curvature, lack of function.
- Limited offer for amputations above the elbow.
- Limited offer of **utility prostheses** (cycling).

ADDING TO THE POINT OF THE POIN

POZNAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

AutoMedPrint



Polski Produkt Przyszłości







AUTOMEDPRINT: Automation of design and rapid manufacturing of individualized orthopedic and prosthetic supplies based on data from anthropometric measurements



ORTHOPEDIC PRODUCTS







3D SCANNING





3D SCANNING



AUTOMATED DESIGNING PROCESS







CUSTOMIZATION OF A PRODUCT

MODULAR AUTOMATION

- Intelligent CAD models
- Free **exchange of variants** for a single patient (prosthesis modules)
- Substitution of data from 3D scans for different patients
- Time to generate a variant: **5 minutes**















- Low-cost and simple FDM technology – can be used for printing even at home
- Ecological and biocompatible materials like PLA, nylon, or thermoplastic polyurethane
- Ability to control the weight of the prosthesis and 'slimming down'
- Complete prosthetic for a child printed in less than 24 hours



TESTING PRODUCTS BY PATIENTS





VIRTUAL FITTING





FINAL RESULTS



MACIEJ









FINAL RESULTS



KAROLINA



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SUMMARY

3D printing and digital design has enormous **potential in medicine and biomedical engineering** – that is not yet fully used

approach to each patient - **individual** but a lot of the work **can be automated**

cooperation of doctors and engineers can improve or even save someone's life

3D printers in hospitals will be more and more popular and **3D printing** will likely become one of the **essential elements** in preparation for surgery

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