“An unobtrusive and automated system for tracking surgical instruments”

--A collaboration between UCSD Hospitals, Surgery, Engineering, and private industry
Increasing complexity of surgical instruments is prompting action

• The rising number of surgical procedures is creating an urgent demand for technologically advanced processes.
  • Less than 3% of hospitals have a system to track at the instrument level.
  • Count discrepancy in 1:8 of surgical trays with an average of 20 minutes to resolve results in significant revenue loss.

• Operating rooms are the main revenue generating space for hospitals.
  • Hospitals are seeking state-of-the-art technology that will support effective management of operating rooms to maximize performance and efficiency.

• Need for minimizing human errors rooms is pushing the uptake of innovative and advanced operating room solutions.

• Clinical Automation: Health reform is driving the need for hospitals to capture, store, aggregate, and retrieve clinical information via electronic mediums.
“By September 24, 2020, all hospitals in the United States will be required to label each piece of equipment used in surgical operations and in long-term *in vivo* implantation”

- Unique Device Identifier (UDI) Rule
  - Amendment to section 502 of Federal Food, Drug, & Cosmetic Act of 1938, specifically to section 226 of the FDA Amendment Act of 2007 and to section 614 of the FDA Safety & Innovation Act of 2012

WHY TRACK INSTRUMENTS

COST SAVINGS
- Fewer purchases due to lost or missing instruments.
- Reduced labor times for tray assembly.
- Quicker processing times allow smaller instrument inventories.
- Reduced time needed to train instrument processing personnel.

IMPROVED EFFICIENCY
- Reduction of delays in surgical procedures.
- Reduction of missing instruments.
- More effective preventative maintenance.
- Fewer instruments out for repair.
- Improved inventory tracking.

IMPROVED SAFETY
- Identification of unprocessed instruments.
- Identification of instruments in recall.
- More effective replacement and repair of instruments.
- Decrease use of X-Ray.
- Patient care time
Two main hospital surgical throughput targets

1. Surgical tray preparation
2. Automated counting of OR instruments
Instrument counting and tray prep currently rely on manual labor

Step 1
Lengthy Tray Assembly:
30 min average

Step 2
Manual Process

Step 3
Paper Based

Step 4
Inaccurate and Prone to Human Error

Tray Leaves OR to be assembled

Instruments Hand Counted by Unskilled Technicians

Compared To Paper Based Bill of Material

Tray is Re-Assembled
INSTRUMENT TRAY PREPARATION IS COMPLEX AND COSTLY

• A market analysis indicates that surgical tray preparation in hospitals is a key area of focus for saving costs.

• The instruments in each tray differ according to each surgeon’s preferences and according to procedure; assembled by low skilled personnel.

• Difficult to avoid mistakes as trays are complex
COUNTING O.R. INSTRUMENTS AND SHARPS IS TIME CONSUMING WITH ERRORS, AND POSES INJURY RISK

Lost or miscounted instruments result in liability and lost OR time and revenue.

OSHA injury data indicate that the OR is the site of frequent injuries due to sharps.

Kohn et. al. (2000) indicate that about 71% of the preventable adverse events occur in the operating room.
SOLUTIONS EXIST BUT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT GAPS

Inadequate Solutions

• Not Cost Effective ($1.00/instrument)

• Limited Efficacy (Difficult to scan/apply)

• Marker Difficult to Apply (Manually)

• Inefficient (Read only one at a time)

• Not User Friendly (obtrusive, affects feel of surgical instruments)
UCSD SOLUTION ADDRESSES EXISTING GAPS

• Invisible to the eye
• Automates Tray Assembly
• Eliminates Human Error
• Reduces Tray Assembly Time over 50%
• Marker is unobtrusive to the instrument user
• Cost effective: $0.01 per marker

Polymer marker

Marker exposed to Optical reader
NANO-OPTICAL ENGINEERING SOLUTION FOR INSTRUMENT TRAY PREP

Quantum Dot Marker applied to all Surgical Instruments in the hospital and entered in database

Faster Tray Assembly: Reduced by 50% → Fully Automated → Assures Tray Accuracy → Eliminates Human Error

Surgical Tray Leaves OR to be Re-Assembled

Optical Reader Reads all Markers within 3-5 seconds: Instrument/Mfg/Date Code/Serial #

Instant Scan Results

Tray is Re-Assembled

Scans Compares with Inventory Management Software

2 Hemostats Missing

Tray Complete

Faster Tray Assembly: Reduced by 50% → Fully Automated → Assures Tray Accuracy → Eliminates Human Error
NANO-OPTICAL ENGINEERING SOLUTION FOR OPERATING ROOM INSTRUMENT COUNTING

Faster Tray Assembly: Reduced by 50%  Fully Automated  Assures Tray Accuracy  Eliminates Human Error

Surgery completed and OR team awaits instrument count before closing patient.

Optical Reader Reads all Markers within 3-5 seconds: Instrument/Mfg/Date Code/Serial #

Instant Scan Results

Count complete & PATIENT IS CLOSED

Faster Tray Assembly: Reduced by 50%
KEY core technologies:

(1) **Instrument label** – Nanoengineering, chemical engineering
   - durable
   - unobtrusive

(2) **Coding Algorithm** - Nanoengineering
   - robust
   - able to uniquely identify tens of thousands of instruments

(3) **Optical reading System** – Opto-electrical engineering
   - fast
   - good resolution
Nano Based Label

nQDs of various colors as a mixture within a polymer matrix. Each nQD emits a discrete, bright color of narrow wavelength band.

Schematic diagram showing the general configuration of an instrument tracking system.
Coding

- A spectral barcode is a photocurable polymer ink, embedded with quantum dots (QDs), that exhibits unique fluorescent properties.
- By varying the QD ratio, we create inks with unique fluorescence spectra.
- Each ink is applied to only one surgical instrument.

Figure adapted from Han, M.; Gao, X.; Su, J.Z.; Nie, S. Nat. Biotechnol. 2001. 19, 631-635
Basic Space-Wavelength Encoding principles

The upper series of drawings illustrate how a spatial pattern can be converted to a Fourier pattern that is not affected by object movement. The middle drawings show how different colors create a distinct spectrum. The bottom drawings show what happens when different colors are mixed, their amplitude is varied, and a distinct spatial pattern is applied. The result is a Fourier transform, different spectra, and different amplitudes. All three features expand the number of possible object codes.
DURABILITY: Fluorescent Signal Maintained After 100 Autoclave Cycles

Control Instrument

Instrument 1
100 autoclave cycles

Instrument 2
100 autoclave cycles

Note: 2.5x Magnification and 800 ms exposure

Courtesies: Helmi Lwin, MD – UCSD Surgery
• UCSD Fellow in Surgery – collaborator with UCSD engineering team
Peak Pixel Intensity vs Exposure Time
After 100 Autoclave Cycles

Exposure Time (ms)
Magnification = 2.5x

Peak pixel intensity (as Percentage of control)

- Control
- Autoclaved
Repeated estimates (3 per each of two instruments; n = 6 each for pre and post autoclaved) of labeled area. (both parametric and nonparametric) t-test — no significant difference between area estimates before and after. *p = 0.55

Size of labeled area on instruments relative to control did not differ after autoclaving.
Results using our initial formulation polymer show that label is durable and that detection of label occurred after 100 autoclave cycles.

Optical acquisition system parameters that can be optimized:

1. Camera sensitivity
2. Optical clarity
3. Breadth and depth of field
4. Magnification
Prototype system developed at UCSD engineering

Prototype lightproof surgical tray enclosure and acquisition system
Prototype Acquisition System – Labeled Instruments
Suture needles and sutures labeled unobtrusively
Prototype system identified marked instruments and missing items
Primary Competing Technologies

- Radio frequency identification (RFID)
- Laser Engraving

Competing technologies tend to be less robust, more difficult to implement, and more expensive to maintain than spectral barcoding.

In some cases the feel of the instrument, especially small, delicate instruments, is compromised.
# COMPETITOR MATRIX

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NanoMed will enter the market through its development partner:

- Successfully complete product integration within an UCSD hospital

Leverage UCSD results to expand throughout the 11 hospital UC Healthcare system

Focus on California, with 355 hospitals, the most hospitals after Texas, 383

NanoMed only needs 280 hospitals to capture 5% of the 5600 US hospitals to be the market leader

Grow market presence through major Medical Distributors

Target Medical Device manufacturers who are required to track Class I, II & III devices

Partner with major healthcare companies who want to broaden their offering:

- HP / Becton Dickenson / Covidien
### Market Opportunities

#### Todays Market
- $1.1B US Market / $2B Global Market
- 5600 Hospitals in the US
- Less than 3% of hospitals track individual surgical instruments
- Fragmented Market / No dominant Player

#### NanoMed Core Competencies
- Surgical Instrument Tracking Solution
- Inventory Management Software Solution
  - Manage Instrument Inventory
  - Instrument Maintenance & Repair
  - Instrument Usage

#### Ancillary Markets
- Aerospace: Track Airplane Components
- Government/Military: Track Weapons
- Construction: Track Materials & Tools
- Automotive: Car Components
Market Profile

Global Market
- 9.8% CAGR
- $21.9B in 2019
- $13.9B in 2014

US Market
- 8.6% CAGR
- $9.0B in 2019
- $6.0B in 2014

Asia Market
- 15% CAGR
- $2.1B in 2019
- $4.2B in 2014
## KEY MILESTONES – WHERE ARE WE NOW

### QUANTOM DOT/POLYMER MARKER

- Beta complete and validated. Developed over 6 years a Polymer formulation blended with Quantum Dots that emits a unique fluorescent spectral signature when exposed to a source of light.
- Quantum Dot code validation and optimization.

### OPTICAL READER

- Beta complete and validated. Successfully read the Qdot/Polymer Marker through the use of an amplifier-digitizer configured to filter the spectral signature and digitized the signal into a readable format.

### NEXT STEPS

- **Qdot Polymer:** Optimize formulation for volume production
- **Optical Reader:** Design & develop hospital ready unit from proof of concept.
- **Polymer Applicator:** Design & develop desk top unit from existing HP printer technology
- **Software:**
  - Modify platform from existing software provider for initial product launch
  - Develop proprietary software platform
## DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

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### Proof of Concept Validation:
- QDot Polymer Beta Formulation
- Successfully Read Polymer Marker
- Polymer Reliability testing

### UCSD committed development partnership
- Beta Site: Initial Product integration

### QDot Polymer: Optimize formulation for volume production
- Optical Reader: Pre-Production Unit
- Polymer Applicator: Pre-Production Unit
- Software: Adapt platform from software provider

### Optical Reader: Complete Production Unit
- Polymer Applicator: Complete Production Unit
- Software: Develop NanoMed Proprietary Platform
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Optical Reader – 12 months

Phase I
Color Space Trade Study & Concept

Phase II
Project Planning & Engineering

Phase III
Engineering

Phase IV
Prototype

Phase V
Pre-Production
# DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

## OPTICAL READER

### Phase I – Color Space Trade Study & Concept
- Review power spectral distribution of markers
- Perform bi-sphere excitation vs. emission fluorescence measurements
- Calculate power budget
- Review suitable detection technologies
- Transform spectral code into suitable color space
- Calculate just detectable color difference map
- Color space tolerance analysis
- First order algorithmic vision design

2 MONTHS

### Phase II – Project Planning
- Any additional design/engineering trades
- System Architecture/Specification Document
- Preliminary component/materials selections
- Identify high-risk design activities and mitigation plans
- Provide preliminary schedule information
- Provide preliminary component cost information
- Coordinate any proof-of-concept experiments
- Preliminary Design Review 2 (PDR2) – include manufacturing

2 MONTHS
# DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

## OPTICAL READER

### Phase III – Engineering
- Proof of concept (demonstrator) OTS parts
- Rev 01X Engineering
- Vendor selection
- Preliminary Design Review 3 (PDR3) - include manufacturing
- Provide engineering confidence testing plan (ECT)
- Rev 01X documentation control
- Order prototype hardware

### Phase IV – Prototype
- Assembly
- Engineering Confidence Testing (ECT)
- Critical Design Review 1 (CDR1) - include manufacturing
- Engineering Change Orders (ECOs)
- Provide DVT Plan including any regulatory - include manufacturing
- Rev 02X documentation control
- Order Pilot Production Parts - include manufacturing

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3 MONTHS

3 MONTH
Phase V – Pre Production
Support manufacturing operation
Support quality and first article inspections in manufacturing
Design Verification Testing (DVT)
Critical Design Review 2 (CDR2) - include manufacturing
Engineering Change Orders (ECOs)
Rev 03X documentation control
CSA Group Overview

Optical Reader - Technology Partner

- Headquartered in Seattle founded in 1919
- Employees: 1800
- Product Development
- Optical Design Engineering
- Opto-Mechanical Engineering
- Systems Engineering
- Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
- Firmware & Software
- Industrial Design

- Optics – Sole Focus
- 100+ years of Optics experience
- Quantum Dot experience
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Printer / Applicator – 12 mths

Phase I
- Feasibility Testing

Phase II
- Detail Design

Phase III
- Procurement

Phase IV
- Assembly & Test

Phase V
- Production
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

PRINTED / APPLICATOR

**Phase I - Feasibility**
- Feasibility testing using hardware test beds
- System Architecture
  - Labeling
  - Ink
  - Imaging / Reading System
- Project Planning

4 MONTHS

**Phase II – Detail Design**
- ME Detail Design
  - Print Head Carriage
  - Maintenance Module
  - Ink Delivery System
  - X-Y-Z Motion Stages
  - Instrument tray design
  - Mechanical structure

2 MONTHS
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

PRINTER / APPLICATOR

Phase II - Detail Design
Writing System Software
  Machine interface
  RIP/Image layout template
  Service user interface
  Calibration
EE/Controls Design
  EE Schematic
  Safety Review
  Box wiring design

2 MONTHS

Phase III – Procurement
Order purchased parts
Order fabricated parts
Furnished components in house

2 MONTHS
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

PRINTER / APPLICATOR

Phase IV – Assembly & EVT TEST
Assembly of all mechanical, fluidic and electrical components

Debug/Test
- Sub-system optimization
- Print accuracy confirmation
- Image quality testing
- Debug of firmware/software

1 MONTH

Phase V – Manufacturing Planning & Refinement
- EE/Controls Design
- EE Schematic

1 MONTH
Novo Engineering Overview

Printer - Technology Partner

- Location: San Diego and Minneapolis
- Employees: 80
- Markets: Medical & BioTech
- Medical ISO 13485 & ISO 9001
- FDA Class I, II & III
- Product Development
- Prototype Manufacturing
- Systems Engineering
- Mechanical & Electrical Engineering
- Firmware & Software

- Printer Market Focused
- 50 years of Printer experience
- Piezo & Thermal Ink Jet Experts
- Hewlett Packard background
- Medical & Printer experience
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Ink Formulation – 9 mths

Phase I
Quantum Dot Selection

Phase II
Formulation of Inks and Dispersions

Phase III
Prototype

Phase IV
Productio
**Phase I - Quantum Dot Selection**

Cyan PL: 490-500 nm Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm  
Green PL: 525-535 nm Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm  
Yellow PL: 560-570 nm, Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm  
Orange PL: 585-595 nm, Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm  
Orange Red PL: 615-520 nm, Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm  
Red PL: 630-640 nm, Qys >80% FWHM: <35 nm

**Phase II – Formulation of Inks or Dispersions**

QDs Ink:  
- The QDs could be dissolved in different solvent with different polarities and viscosities.  
- The QD ink suit for printing process.

QDs Polymer dispersions:  
- There are several steps for the dispersion: ligand exchange; mixing; evaporation of the solvent; coating for optics

QDs Optics Modulation
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

INK FORMULATION

Phase III - Prototype
Evaluate Adhesion
Viscosity
Clarity

Phase IV - Production

2 MONTHS

1 MONTH
NN Labs Overview

Ink Formulation - Technology Partner

- Location: Arkansas & China
- Employees: 250
- Ink Development
- Quantum Dot Manufacturing
- QD Displays
- QD Lighting
- QD Coating
- QD Screen Printing
- QD Optics Detectors

• QDot World Leader
• Lab Scale to Production
• Low Cost Manufacturing
• Broad Product Line
NanoMed Tracking – Collaboration Between UCSD Surgery and Engineering

John Clark - CEO
• John has 30 years of experience developing and commercializing medical device technologies.
• Founder and CEO of Global Cancer Technology and American Radiosurgery.
• Launched 10 medical device start-up companies and Founder of Edmonds Medical Systems, Clinical Diagnostic Products, Andros Medical & Laser Centers.

Marc Potvin - President & COO
• 25 years in operations, sales & marketing, engineering, supply chain and strategy roles throughout the US and globally. 15 years experience in the medical device market space.
• Served as a Board member of Connect/SDSI, a business incubator for start-ups.

Tom Hamelin - VP Hospital Operations - UCSD
• 30 years of Hospital Administration experience. Senior Director UCSD Perioperative Services and Radiology
• Former Director at UMMC, ST Vincent Hospital and Boston Medical Center.
• Former Vice-President at Awarepoint. Holds a BS, BSN, MSN, MBA and Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The UCSD Engineering Team
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• Wolf Wrasidlo- PhD, Organic Chemistry from San Diego State University & University of Erlangen. Highly experienced polymer and organic chemist. Founder of Brunswick Biotechnetics and Neuropore.
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