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<b>14. ABSTRACT</b> The overall project goal is to investigate the functional performance of transhumeral amputees who have received targeted muscle reinnervation with EMG signals measured intramuscularly using a fully wireless implant. This year we have prepared a biocompatibility test plan, secured components, and submitted regulatory protocols to ACURO. We have received initial feedback and are in process of addressing the comments.					
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**1. INTRODUCTION:** *Narrative that briefly (one paragraph) describes the subject, purpose and scope of the research.*

The inadequacies of current prosthetic technologies severely limit rehabilitative options for upper limb amputees and contribute to the disability caused by upper limb loss. TMR presents new possibilities for control of upper limb prostheses, and, building on this success, our team has developed innovative technologies to address key remaining challenges in the design and control of advanced prosthetic systems. The overall objective of this grant is to improve functional independence for individuals with transhumeral amputees, who have had TMR using implantable MyoNodes. Our hypothesis is that chronic implants within reinnervated muscle will provide stable EMG recordings that will allow intuitive, simultaneous control of 3 DOF prosthesis system. Furthermore, we hypothesize that this technology will result in significant functional improvements for users as measured through the ACMC, SHAP, clothespin relocation, Jebsen Hand task, and box-and-block tasks.

**2. KEYWORDS:** *Provide a brief list of keywords (limit to 20 words).*

Amputation; MyoNodes; Targeted Muscle Reinnervation, Electromyography

**3. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** *The PI is reminded that the recipient organization is required to obtain prior written approval from the awarding agency grants official whenever there are significant changes in the project or its direction.*

**What were the major goals of the project?**

*List the major goals of the project as stated in the approved SOW. If the application listed milestones/target dates for important activities or phases of the project, identify these dates and show actual completion dates or the percentage of completion.*

**Aim 1:** Obtain a feasibility study investigational device exemption for the MyoNode system. Extensive preliminary work has already been conducted to develop and test the MyoNode prototype, with demonstration of successful wirelessly powered and telemetered data from a tissue depth of 10 cm in an animal model. All design files have been transferred to Cirtec Medical Systems to create final form factor devices under GMP and are working with Med Institute Inc., to obtain a feasibility Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) from the FDA. The engineering, fabrication, and regulatory team has extensive experience in developing implantable medical devices.

**Aim 2:** Assess the accuracy with which transhumeral amputees can control isolated and simultaneous movements of a three DOF myoelectric prosthesis utilizing the MyoNode system after successful TMR surgery. TMR has proven very useful for enhancing prosthesis control. However, to date, subjects have been limited to using surface EMG signals to control a prosthesis. Surface EMG is often corrupted by muscle cross-talk and instability in the skin-electrode interface necessitates frequent recalibration of controllers. We will recruit three individuals with transhumeral amputations and who have had TMR surgery. As our basic control platform, we will use natively innervated biceps and triceps to provide direct proportional control of the elbow, and we will try both direct control and pattern recognition of EMG from reinnervated muscles to control the wrist and hand. Subjects will complete 3-DOF Fitt's Law virtual testing to measure throughput of discrete and simultaneous measurements. We will also measure subjects' control of a physical prosthesis as they complete movements which require discrete and simultaneous movements. A commercially available prosthesis with an elbow, a wrist rotator, and a hand will be used in conjunction with commercially available pattern recognition software (Coapt LLC). The

only variable will be the input signals; allowing us to compare performance using IM and/or surface EMG signals, and with data from other transhumeral TMR subjects using the pattern recognition controller with surface EMG (W81XWH 12-02-0072).

**Aim 3:** Determine the ability of transhumeral amputees to successfully perform functional activities using a three DOF myoelectric prosthesis control by the MyoNode system and TMR. We hypothesize that the MyoNode implant system will improve control of the prosthesis, and that this will subsequently improve functional activities. We will measure functional performance prior to implantation and during training with the MyoNode system, using the SHAP, ACMC, a clothespin relocation task, the Jebsen task, and the box and blocks task. We will also provide the subjects with a questionnaire for subjective feedback at the end of the study.

### What was accomplished under these goals?

*For this reporting period describe: 1) major activities; 2) specific objectives; 3) significant results or key outcomes, including major findings, developments, or conclusions (both positive and negative); and/or 4) other achievements. Include a discussion of stated goals not met. Description shall include pertinent data and graphs in sufficient detail to explain any significant results achieved. A succinct description of the methodology used shall be provided. As the project progresses to completion, the emphasis in reporting in this section should shift from reporting activities to reporting accomplishments.*

#### Key Research Accomplishments

- Submitted Animal protocols to ACURO for approval
- Acquired all required addition materials for biocompatibility testing
- Fabricated test coupons and test units for biocompatibility testing
- Completed other minor tests in response to the FDA IDE feedback (transportation testing, residual gas analysis leak testing).

#### Detailed Description

All necessary technical development work to create the MyoNode system and put it under design controls have been completed, and an FDA IDE has been submitted. The most substantial item from the feedback was related to biocompatibility testing of the implant. Other feedback included providing test reports for transportation testing, packaging testing and residual gas analysis testing for leak evaluation, which we have completed. Our overall approach to securing FDA IDE approval for an early feasibility study was to leverage known properties of the materials being used to construct the implant case of the MyoNode. These materials, described in Table 1, have been used in prior implants and are known to be biocompatible.

**Table 1.** Tissue-contacting components of the MyoNode Wireless Implantable EMG Recording System

Component	Nature of Body Contact/Duration	Materials of Construction*
Ceramic housing	Surgically implanted into the muscle mass of residual limb. Duration: indefinite.	Zirconia
Sensing electrodes and weld material	Same	Platinum / Iridium (90/10)
Braze material	Same	96.4% Au, 3.0% Ni and 0.6% Ti

\* Note: No color additives are used in the tissue-contacting materials that comprise this implant.

**What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?**

*If the project was not intended to provide training and professional development opportunities or there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe opportunities for training and professional development provided to anyone who worked on the project or anyone who was involved in the activities supported by the project. “Training” activities are those in which individuals with advanced professional skills and experience assist others in attaining greater proficiency. Training activities may include, for example, courses or one-on-one work with a mentor. “Professional development” activities result in increased knowledge or skill in one’s area of expertise and may include workshops, conferences, seminars, study groups, and individual study. Include participation in conferences, workshops, and seminars not listed under major activities.*

A third year plastic surgery research fellow contributed to the project. The resident’s role on this project was to create surgical implantation recommendations and guidelines as part of information added to the investigational device exemption.

**How were the results disseminated to communities of interest?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe how the results were disseminated to communities of interest. Include any outreach activities that were undertaken to reach members of communities who are not usually aware of these project activities, for the purpose of enhancing public understanding and increasing interest in learning and careers in science, technology, and the humanities.*

Nothing to Report.

**What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?**

*If this is the final report, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe briefly what you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives.*

In consultation with NAMSA®, and in response to the FDA feedback from our IDE request, we proposed to conduct the following biocompatibility tests to support the use of the MyoNode implant in an early feasibility study clinical trial:

- Cytotoxicity testing
- Sensitization testing
- Intracutaneous irritation testing
- Acute systemic toxicity testing
- Mediated pyrogenicity testing
- 2 Week implantation testing

**Table 2.** Material samples required to conduct biocompatibility testing.

Test	Surface Area Required (cm <sup>2</sup> )			Number of Coupons	Test Durations (Days)
	Total	Zirconia	Pt/Ir		
Cytotoxicity	60	48	12	1	20
Sensitization	540	432	108	9	56
Irritation	120	96	24	2	28
Acute Systemic Toxicity	120	96	24	2	28
Pyrogenicity	900	720	180	15	28
2 week implantation	Not applicable, Use actual implants			15	56

The FDA agreed with these tests, so long as the test coupon was made using the same processes used in assembling the final implant, but also requested a chemical characterization and risk analysis to justify not testing for subchronic systemic toxicity, genotoxicity, chronic systemic toxicity, carcinogenicity. We have already begun the risk analysis and expect, based on the materials and processes being used, that these study endpoints will not require additional tests. However, the chemical characterization will require additional test coupons. The FDA also recommended, but did not mandate a 6 month animal study. Our overall plan is to begin the animal study as soon as appropriate approvals have been obtained and run them in parallel with the other studies. Thus, should the FDA deny the IDE on the basis of the 6 month animal study, it will minimize the overall impact. We submitted our ACURO protocols in February and are now working to provide some additional information with respect to the protocols.

Overall, the testing required by the FDA was more substantial than what was expected, and purchasing the test materials incurred significant costs. In addition, COVID-19 has impacted overall project schedule. While all partners continue to work on the project, it is generally taking longer to source material and coordinate tests.

4. **IMPACT:** Describe distinctive contributions, major accomplishments, innovations, successes, or any change in practice or behavior that has come about as a result of the project relative to:

**What was the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."*

*Describe how findings, results, techniques that were developed or extended, or other products from the project made an impact or are likely to make an impact on the base of knowledge, theory, and research in the principal disciplinary field(s) of the project. Summarize using language that an intelligent lay audience can understand (Scientific American style).*

Nothing to Report.

**What was the impact on other disciplines?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."*

*Describe how the findings, results, or techniques that were developed or improved, or other products from the project made an impact or are likely to make an impact on other disciplines.*

Nothing to Report.

**What was the impact on technology transfer?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe ways in which the project made an impact, or is likely to make an impact, on commercial technology or public use, including:*

- *transfer of results to entities in government or industry;*
- *instances where the research has led to the initiation of a start-up company; or*
- *adoption of new practices.*

Nothing to Report.

**What was the impact on society beyond science and technology?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe how results from the project made an impact, or are likely to make an impact, beyond the bounds of science, engineering, and the academic world on areas such as:*

- *improving public knowledge, attitudes, skills, and abilities;*
- *changing behavior, practices, decision making, policies (including regulatory policies), or social actions; or*
- *improving social, economic, civic, or environmental conditions.*

Nothing to Report.

- 5. CHANGES/PROBLEMS:** *The PD/PI is reminded that the recipient organization is required to obtain prior written approval from the awarding agency grants official whenever there are significant changes in the project or its direction. If not previously reported in writing, provide the following additional information or state, “Nothing to Report,” if applicable:*

**Changes in approach and reasons for change**

*Describe any changes in approach during the reporting period and reasons for these changes. Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency.*

Nothing to Report.

**Actual or anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them**

*Describe problems or delays encountered during the reporting period and actions or plans to resolve them.*

COVID-19 did impact the project this year, as research and development was generally slower than an average year (long lead times associated with procuring materials, fewer people working in the laboratories, etc.). As the pandemic is subsiding we see this as less of a project impact.

**Changes that had a significant impact on expenditures**

*Describe changes during the reporting period that may have had a significant impact on expenditures, for example, delays in hiring staff or favorable developments that enable meeting objectives at less cost than anticipated.*

The biocompatibility testing required by the FDA resulted in additional material purchases. The ceramic enclosures were the most expensive components, and had a 3 month lead time. These materials are now on order and the additional implants and test coupons which act as representative surrogates for the implants have now been procured.

**Significant changes in use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents**

*Describe significant deviations, unexpected outcomes, or changes in approved protocols for the use or care of human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents during the reporting period. If required, were these changes approved by the applicable institution committee (or equivalent) and reported to the agency? Also specify the applicable Institutional Review Board/Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approval dates.*

**Significant changes in use or care of human subjects**

Nothing to Report.

**Significant changes in use or care of vertebrate animals**

The biocompatibility requirements required by the FDA necessitated animal testing. We have submitted 6 protocols to ACURO and are currently awaiting approval to complete the animal tests.

**Significant changes in use of biohazards and/or select agents**

Nothing to Report.

**6. PRODUCTS:** *List any products resulting from the project during the reporting period. If there is nothing to report under a particular item, state “Nothing to Report.”*

- **Publications, conference papers, and presentations**

*Report only the major publication(s) resulting from the work under this award.*

**Journal publications.** *List peer-reviewed articles or papers appearing in scientific, technical, or professional journals. Identify for each publication: Author(s); title; journal; volume; year; page numbers; status of publication (published; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).*

Nothing to Report.

**Books or other non-periodical, one-time publications.** *Report any book, monograph, dissertation, abstract, or the like published as or in a separate publication, rather than a periodical or series. Include any significant publication in the proceedings of a one-time conference or in the report of a one-time study, commission, or the like. Identify for each one-time publication: author(s); title; editor; title of collection, if applicable; bibliographic information; year; type of publication (e.g., book, thesis or dissertation); status of publication (published; accepted, awaiting publication; submitted, under review; other); acknowledgement of federal support (yes/no).*

Nothing to Report.

**Other publications, conference papers and presentations.** *Identify any other publications, conference papers and/or presentations not reported above. Specify the status of the publication as noted above. List presentations made during the last year (international, national, local societies, military meetings, etc.). Use an asterisk (\*) if presentation produced a manuscript.*

Nothing to Report.

- **Website(s) or other Internet site(s)**

*List the URL for any Internet site(s) that disseminates the results of the research activities. A short description of each site should be provided. It is not necessary to include the publications already specified above in this section.*

Nothing to Report.

- **Technologies or techniques**

*Identify technologies or techniques that resulted from the research activities. Describe the technologies or techniques were shared.*

Nothing to Report.

- **Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses**

*Identify inventions, patent applications with date, and/or licenses that have resulted from the research. Submission of this information as part of an interim research performance progress report is not a substitute for any other invention reporting required under the terms and conditions of an award.*

Nothing to Report.

- **Other Products**

*Identify any other reportable outcomes that were developed under this project. Reportable outcomes are defined as a research result that is or relates to a product, scientific advance, or research tool that makes a meaningful contribution toward the understanding, prevention, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and /or rehabilitation of a disease, injury or condition, or to improve the quality of life. Examples include:*

- *data or databases;*
- *physical collections;*
- *audio or video products;*
- *software;*
- *models;*
- *educational aids or curricula;*
- *instruments or equipment;*
- *research material (e.g., Germplasm; cell lines, DNA probes, animal models);*
- *clinical interventions;*
- *new business creation; and*
- *other.*

Nothing to Report.

## **7. PARTICIPANTS & OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

### **What individuals have worked on the project?**

*Provide the following information for: (1) PDs/PIs; and (2) each person who has worked at least one person month per year on the project during the reporting period, regardless of the source of compensation (a person month equals approximately 160 hours of effort). If information is unchanged from a previous submission, provide the name only and indicate “no change”.*

*Example:*

*Name:* Mary Smith  
*Project Role:* Graduate Student  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* 1234567  
*Nearest person month worked:* 5

*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Smith has performed work in the area of combined error-control and constrained coding.  
*Funding Support:* The Ford Foundation (Complete only if the funding support is provided from other than this award.)

*Name:* Dr. Paul F. Pasquina  
*Project Role:* PI  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.6

*Contribution to Project:* Dr. Pasquina is the PI for this protocol. He provides leadership and scientific oversight; and is responsible for the development, oversight, revision, and completion of this protocol. He will communicate with the Program Manager and Associate Investigator Dr. Levi Hargrove to ensure progress toward FDA approval and protocol development.

*Name:* Jerika Taylor  
*Project Role:* Program Manager  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.42

*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Taylor is the Program Manager for CRSR. She communicates with the PI and Investigators to understand the PI's/Investigator's needs, such as modifications to the protocol that would require award/subaward modification, and submits these modifications for consideration to stakeholders. She tracks budgets, approves expenses, and employee contributions. In addition, she supervises staff to ensure deliverables and milestones are completed on time and coordinates with other stakeholders to ensure the completion of all project and proposal aims.

*Name:* Derek Soloway  
*Project Role:* Program Manager  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.13

*Contribution to Project:* Mr. Soloway is the Program Manager for CRSR. He communicates with the PI and Investigators to understand the PI's/Investigator's needs, such as modifications to the protocol that would require award/subaward modification, and submits these modifications for consideration to stakeholders. He tracks budgets, approves expenses, and employee contributions. In addition, he supervises staff to ensure deliverables and milestones are completed on time and coordinates with other stakeholders to ensure the completion of all project and proposal aims.

*Name:* Christina Kunkle  
*Project Role:* Program Coordinator  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.35

*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Kunkle is the Program Coordinator with HJF supporting the CRSR at USUHS. As the coordinator of the limb-loss portfolio, Christina provides research support for the project, including regulatory guidance in collaboration with the program manager. She assists the program manager with budgeting, reporting, and supervises research assistants' work to ensure the completion of all project and proposal aims.

*Name:* Todd Kuiken, MD, PhD  
*Project Role:* PI  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 1  
*Contribution to project:* Dr. Kuiken is responsible for the direction and management of the SRALab subcontract component of project. His main focus has been associated with clinical appropriateness of the developed implant and base-station.

*Name:* Levi Hargrove, PhD  
*Project Role:* Co-Investigator  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 1  
*Contribution to project:* Dr. Hargrove's focus has been associated with completing the technical developments of the implant and base-station, as well as preparing the IDE.

*Name:* Julie Tran  
*Project Role:* Regulatory Affairs Assistant  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.16  
*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Tran is the Regulatory Affairs Assistant for CRSR. She provides supervision and coordination for the WRNMMC research team to ensure regulatory compliance between all participating sites and assists with the development of any necessary agreements and the tracking of regulatory outcomes.

*Name:* Melissa Hewitt  
*Project Role:* Clinical Research Assistant  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.25  
*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Hewitt is a Clinical Research Assistant with HJF supporting the CRSR at USUHS. She assists with regulatory requirements, IRB compliance, and coordination between sites. She maintains biweekly communication with Dr. Hargrove to track progress, obtain FDA approval, and assists with submission for ACURO and IRB approval.

*Name:* Delaney Dodd  
*Project Role:* Clinical Research Assistant  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.02  
*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Dodd is a Clinical Research Assistant with HJF supporting the CRSR at USUHS. She assists with regulatory requirements, IRB compliance, and coordination between sites.

*Name:* Megan Tsui  
*Project Role:* Clinical Research Coordinator  
*Researcher Identifier (e.g. ORCID ID):* N/A  
*Nearest person month worked:* 0.33  
*Contribution to Project:* Ms. Tsui is a Clinical Research Coordinator with HJF supporting the CRSR at USUHS. Megan provides research support, including regulatory guidance and collaborates with the program manager to assist with budgeting, reporting, and the research team to review research assistants' work.

**Has there been a change in the active other support of the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel since the last reporting period?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*If the active support has changed for the PD/PI(s) or senior/key personnel, then describe what the change has been. Changes may occur, for example, if a previously active grant has closed and/or if a previously pending grant is now active. Annotate this information so it is clear what has changed from the previous submission. Submission of other support information is not necessary for pending changes or for changes in the level of effort for active support reported previously. The awarding agency may require prior written approval if a change in active other support significantly impacts the effort on the project that is the subject of the project report.*

Nothing to Report.

**What other organizations were involved as partners?**

*If there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state “Nothing to Report.”*

*Describe partner organizations – academic institutions, other nonprofits, industrial or commercial firms, state or local governments, schools or school systems, or other organizations (foreign or domestic) – that were involved with the project. Partner organizations may have provided financial or in-kind support, supplied facilities or equipment, collaborated in the research, exchanged personnel, or otherwise contributed.*

*Provide the following information for each partnership:*

*Organization Name:*

*Location of Organization:* (if foreign location list country)

*Partner’s contribution to the project* (identify one or more)

- *Financial support;*
- *In-kind support (e.g., partner makes software, computers, equipment, etc., available to project staff);*
- *Facilities (e.g., project staff use the partner’s facilities for project activities);*
- *Collaboration (e.g., partner’s staff work with project staff on the project);*
- *Personnel exchanges (e.g., project staff and/or partner’s staff use each other’s facilities, work at each other’s site); and*
- *Other.*

*Organization Name:* Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

*Location of Organization:* Bethesda, MD

*Partner’s contribution to the project:* Facilities, Collaboration

*Organization Name:* Henry Jackson Foundation

*Location of Organization:* Rockville, MD

*Partner’s contribution to the project:* Collaboration

Organization Name: Shirley Ryan Ability Lab

Location of Organization: Chicago, IL

Partner's contribution to the project: In-kind support, Collaboration

## 8. SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**COLLABORATIVE AWARDS:** *For collaborative awards, independent reports are required from BOTH the Initiating Principal Investigator (PI) and the Collaborating/Partnering PI. A duplicative report is acceptable; however, tasks shall be clearly marked with the responsible PI and research site. A report shall be submitted to <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/index.htm> for each unique award.*

**QUAD CHARTS:** *If applicable, the Quad Chart (available on <https://www.usamraa.army.mil/Pages/Resources.aspx>) should be updated and submitted with attachments.*

9. **APPENDICES:** *Attach all appendices that contain information that supplements, clarifies or supports the text. Examples include original copies of journal articles, reprints of manuscripts and abstracts, a curriculum vitae, patent applications, study questionnaires, and surveys, etc.*

# A Pilot Trial to Assess Implantable MyoNodes to Improve Prosthetic Function for Transhumeral Amputees after Targeted Muscle Reinnervation

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**PI:** Paul F. Pasquina, MD **Org:** Henry M. Jackson Foundation

**Award Amount** \$2,622,160

## Study Purpose / Deliverables

Current prosthetic technologies severely limit rehabilitative options for upper limb amputees and contribute to the disability caused by upper limb loss. Targeted muscle reinnervation (TMR) presents new possibilities and the overall objective of this grant is to improve functional independence for individuals with transhumeral amputees, who have had TMR using implantable MyoNodes.

## Study Aims

**Aim 1:** Investigational device exemption for the MyoNode system.

**Aim 2:** Assess the accuracy and control of a 3 DOF myoelectric prosthesis utilizing the MyoNode system after TMR surgery.

**Aim 3:** Determine the ability of transhumeral amputees to successfully perform functional activities using a three DOF myoelectric prosthesis control by the MyoNode system and TMR.



**Accomplishments:** During this year, acquired all required material for biocompatibility testing, fabricated test units, and submitted animal testing protocols to ACURO for approval. COVID-19 did have an impact on the project as research and development were generally slower than in past years.

## Timeline and Cost

Activities	FY	16	17	18-20
Execute subaward agreements		█		
Complete development work		██████████		
Obtain IDE from the FDA		██████████		
Evaluate technology and publish findings				██████████
<b>Estimated Budget (\$K)</b>		<b>\$2100</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$250</b>

Updated: May 19, 2021

## Goals/Milestones

### FY16 Goals

- Execute subaward agreements between institutions
- Technical Demonstration of MyoNode Technology

### FY17 Goals

- Complete MyoNode Developmental Work
- Obtain investigational device exemption (IDE) from the FDA

### FY18-20 Goals

- Obtain institutional review board (IRB) approval
- Assess the accuracy of the MyoNodes system after TMR
- Perform functional test with the MyoNodes system
- Complete the final study report and publish findings

Budget Expenditure to Date: \$2,522,109

Projected Expenditure: \$2,622,160