



# Modernization of MedX Rehab Medical Machines

### **Project Description:**

The purpose of this project is to review and analyze the current MedX Lumbar Extension & Cervical Extension machines and identify how advancements in materials science and modern manufacturing can allow the team to develop a more efficient machine that can also be produced at a lower cost.

### **Current Progress:**

- Govsphere has delivered one MedX Lumbar Extension Machines and one MedX Cervical Extension Machine.
- The team has spent the last few weeks familiarizing themselves with the machines.
- Plans for motorization have begun, as well as static and dynamic calculations for the weight stack and counterweight mass reductions.





• The team is currently seeking IRB approval to facilitate more testing.

#### MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension

MedX Rehab Cervical Extension





MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension Frame and Weight Stack

MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension Arm Assembly

# **Planned Solutions:**

- Weight stack mass will be reduced by half, with a change in sprocket size allowing for equal torque
- Electric motors will be introduced to allow for easier setup of restraint devices
- Counterweight mass will be reduced while maintaining moment of inertia; potential introduction of sensors will allow for automated counterweight setup
- Frame will be redesigned to reduce mass, using bent elliptical tubing wherever possible to minimize production time and costs

## **Deliverables:**

- 1. Analyze current machine structure and mechanical operation of MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension and Cervical Extension machines
- 2. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the frame and structure of the MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension machine
- 3. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the frame and structure of MedX Rehab Cervical Extension machine
- 4. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the weight stack of the MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension machine
- 5. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the weight stack of MedX Rehab Cervical Extension machine
- 6. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the restraint mechanism of the MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension machine
- 7. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the restraint mechanism of MedX Rehab Cervical Extension machine
- 8. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the counterbalance of the MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension machine
- 9. Identify potential engineering modifications and enhancements to the counterbalance of MedX Rehab Cervical Extension machine
- 10. Identify other engineering improvements and enhancements to the MedX Rehab Lumbar Extension and Cervical Extension machines



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