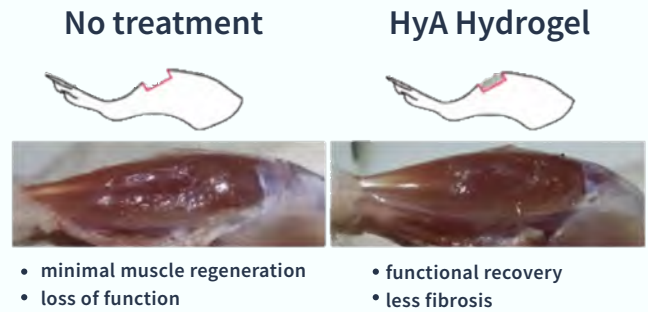


# HYDROGEL FOR MUSCLE REGENERATION

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## BACKGROUND

250,000 civilian cases of open fracture occur in the US per year, and 53,000 battlefield injuries have been reported between 2001 and 2020. 80% of these injuries result in volumetric muscle loss.

The Healy Lab has formulated a hyaluronic acid hydrogel capable of restoring function and cosmesis.

## DOCUMENTATION

Lab Protocol

Standard Operating Procedure

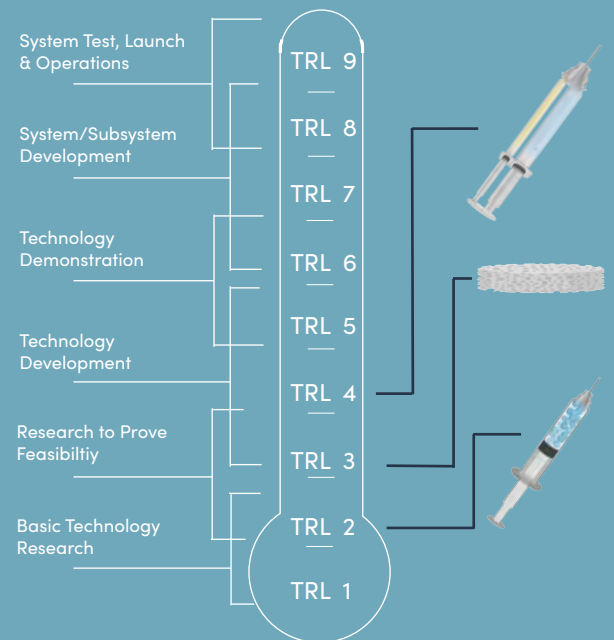
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## TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL

The team assessed the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of device formulations to move the product towards the clinic.



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## SCALABILITY

This includes the replacement of lab scale processes for industry suitable processes.

Dialysis is a long, labor intensive process used to purify a chemically modified product. Traditionally used in labs, it is replaced by tangential filtration flow. This is a quicker and more suitable process that allows the product to be scaled up for clinical use.

## STERILIZATION

We have identified the appropriate sterilization techniques and analytic methods to assess changes made to the product post-sterilization. Additionally we can use these techniques to assess the shelf life - key steps in the translation and commercialization of a medical device.



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