

Assurance Delivered for New Generation Electromechanical Medical Device

Challenge

To design and document a safe and reliable medical device for the U.S. market and reduce the overall number of failures compared to previous generation design.

Solution

Reliability modeling, failure modes and effects analyses, software validation, and reliability test plans provided by Prenscia Solutions.

Results

Timely marketing and launch of device, accurate projection of potential failures, robust manufacturing plans and manage warranty risks.

The client leveraged engineering services and software from Prenscia Solutions to create reliability and FMEA models for making failure predictions. This resulted in the development of robust design and manufacturing controls that improved reliability while simultaneously validating the embedded software.



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The Challenge

Our client, a medical equipment manufacturer, was developing a second-generation product design that had many high speed moving parts.

Previous designs had higher than expected failure rates in the field, and new design features required software modification, improvements, and validation to ensure improvement.



The Solution

Based on design data, reliability and FMEA software models were created for failure rate prediction at component and assembly levels.

The models determined the probability of failure of various functions to ensure they met the expected life.

Prenscia Solutions partnered with the client to define software and firmware requirements and mapped them to validation activities and test cases to meet ISO 13485 and ISO 14971 requirements.

The Results

Reliability predictions and trends were validated through field return data from the previous generation products for correlation. Accelerated Life Tests of the product continue to validate the predictions and controls put in place.

The models produced by Prenscia Solutions gave the client superior insights, delivering robust predictions for reduced failure rates and the ability to manage risks related to operations planning, warranty, and business forecasts.



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