Mobility Cane Attachment for Wrist Stabilization During Cane Use

Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems



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Need

Mobility cane/white cane users experience mild/moderate wrist pain during cane use. There are no existing solutions that prevent wrist discomfort without compromising functionality.

*Ambutech No-Jab Mobility Cane

Objective

Our objective is to design a secure, portable cane attachment to reduce wrist adduction and reduce wrist flexion/extension to minimize pain during cane use.

Design Inputs



maintaining sweeping





Solution

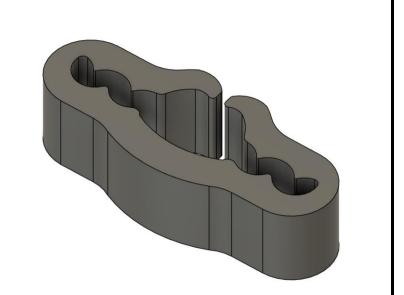


Thumb Rests

Additional Grip Supports; Ambidextrous

Strap Clasp

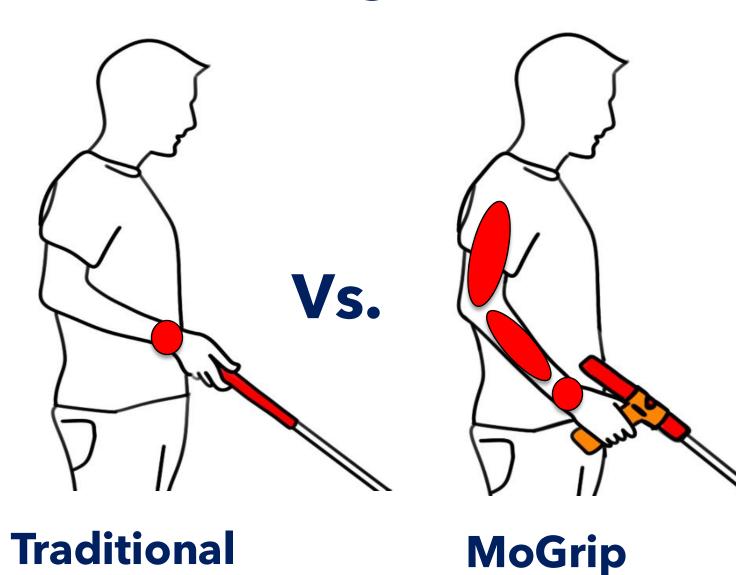
Clasp to tighten elastic band around forearm



Follows the contour of the hand 15° to improve wrist position

Intended Use

Muscle Groups Utilized During Use







Slots onto lower increases tactility segments of cane



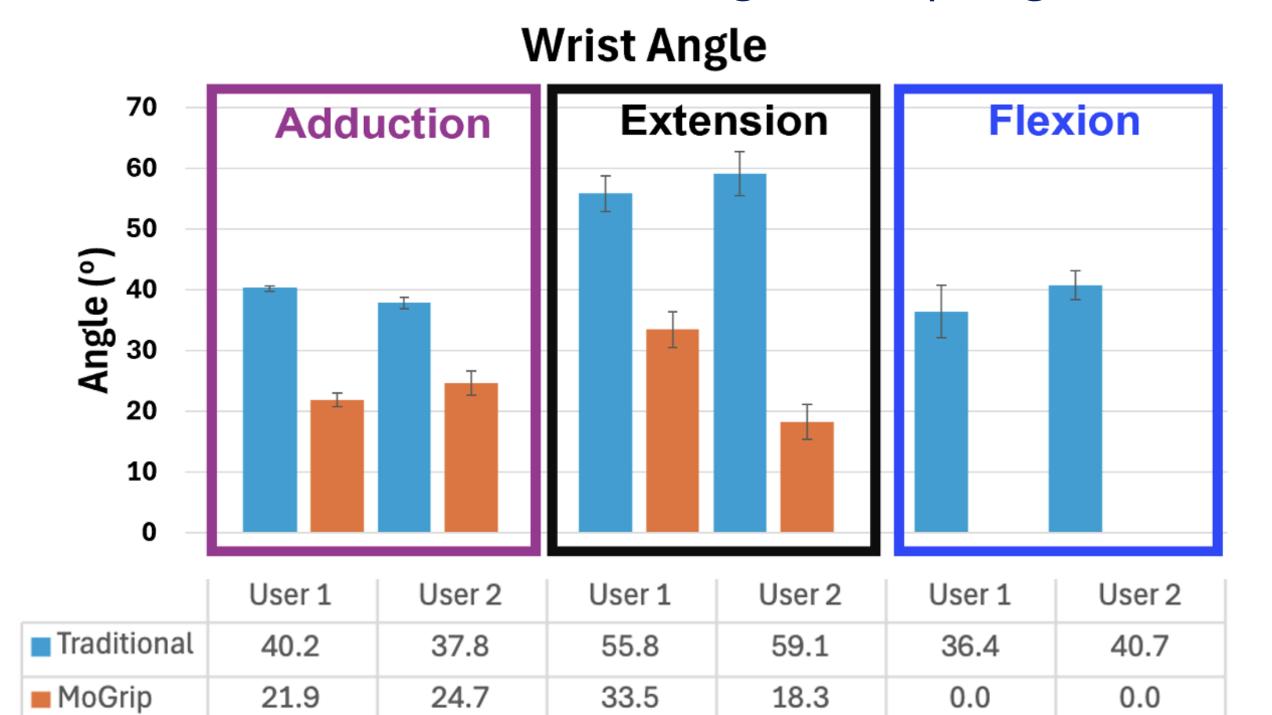
Held with the palm of the hand angled toward the ground

Motion is dispersed throughout the wrist and arm using MoGrip

Verification Testing

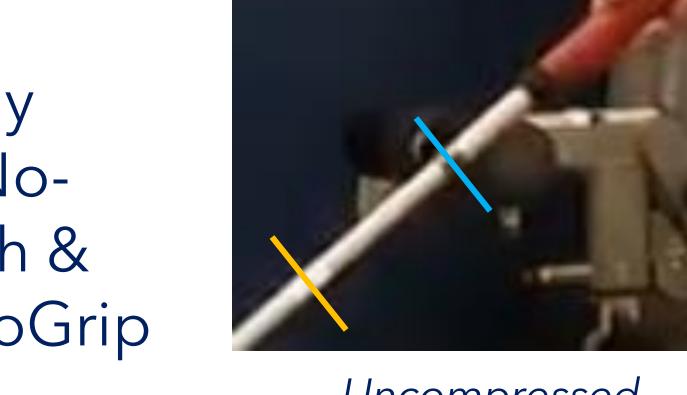
Wrist Angle Testing - PASSED

Wrist adduction, extension & flexion were reduced while maintaining sweeping distance

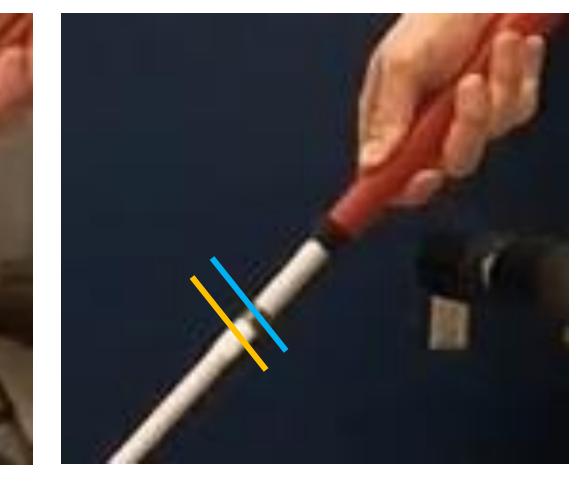


Secure Attachment -PASSED

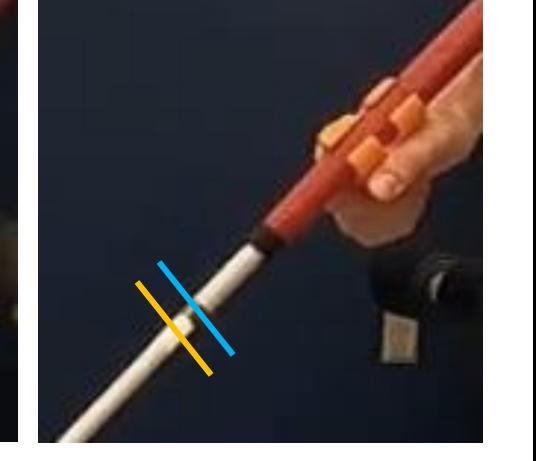
Achieves a fully compressed No-Jab spring with & without the MoGrip



Uncompressed



Traditional



MoGrip

Portability Testing -PASSED

Device is within the correct dimensions to be portable

Dimension	Criteria	Results
Mass	< 81.83 g	72 g
Handle Length	6.5 to 10.5 cm	9.7 cm
Head Width	< 6.25 cm	6 cm

Conclusion

- Fully 3D Printed/Printable: \$0.92 /device
- Comfortable wrist position that reduces pain
- Improves quality of life and user experience

Future Work

- Explore other materials and manufacturing methods
- Improve strap clasp design
- Incorporate a not-in-use carrying method

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