RectaNav: Managing Chronic Constipation in Patients with Neurogenic Bowel Disorder

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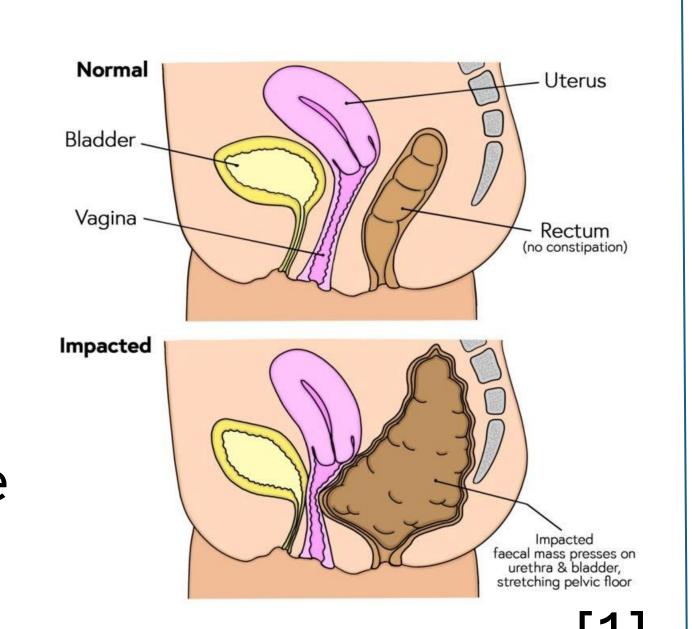
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CLINICAL BACKGROUND:

Neurogenic Bowel Disorder (NBD) is a condition characterized by disrupted nervous communication between the brain and the bowel, leading to loss of regular and deliberate bowel function.



Primary symptoms of NBD include chronic constipation and fecal incontinence (FI). The Peristeen Transanal Irrigation (TAI) system is the gold standard for treating these symptoms.

PROBLEM:

Advantages of Transanal Irrigation



Reduced likelihood of eventual stoma surgery (35% reduction)

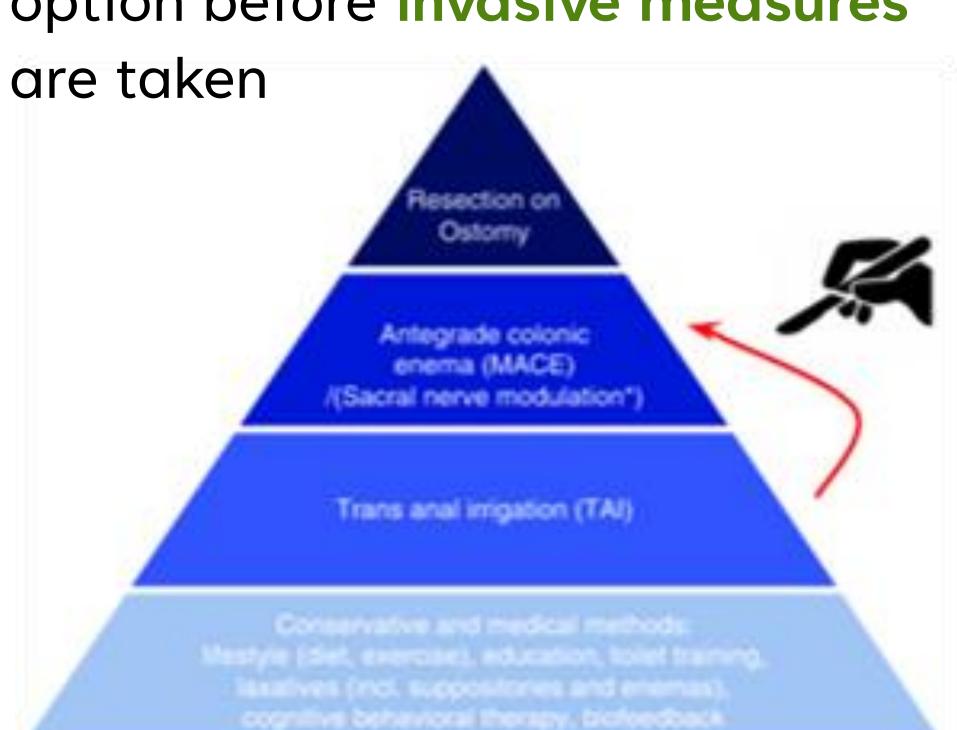
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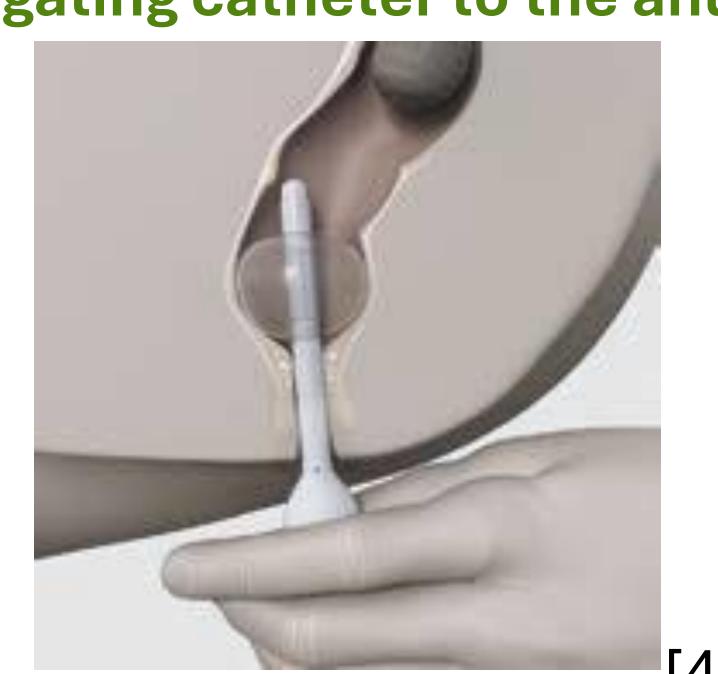
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TAI is also the last treatment option before invasive measures



However, patients are discontinuing TAI to difficulty navigating catheter to the anus



PROBLEM SIZE BREAKDOWN & IMPACT:

A recent study of adult TAI users showed:

22.7% Felt that there were too many constraints

29.9% Experienced pain during catheter insertion

57.4% Discontinued use of TAI

36.7% of those stopping TAI had invasive surgery.

NEED:

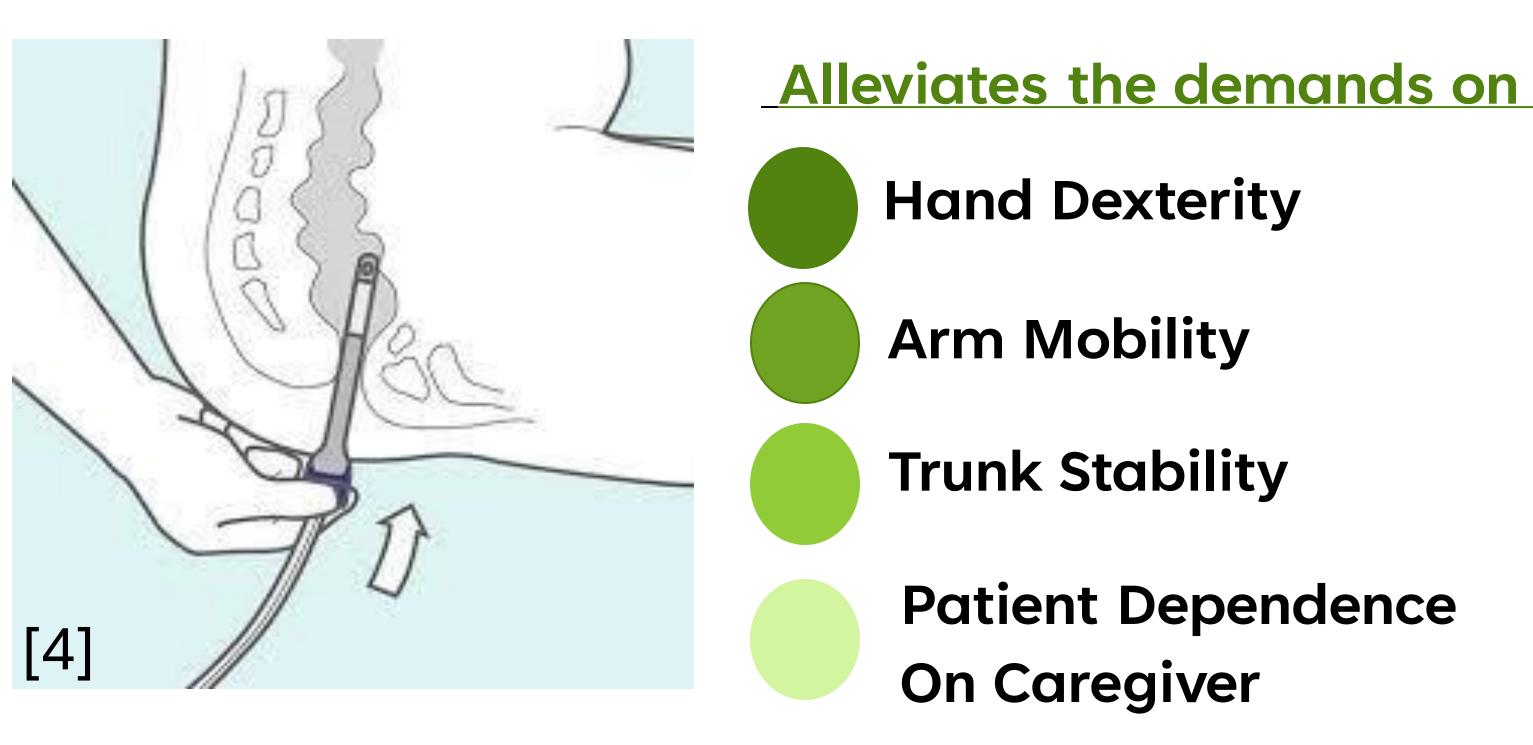
Problem User

Desired Outcome

Chronically-constipated individuals with Neurogenic Bowel Disorder who use transanal irrigation for bowel management need a more efficient* process for rectal insertion in order to reduce the transanal irrigation discontinuation rate.

OUR SOLUTION:

A supplementary device to TAI systems that improves catheter navigation to the anus and deployment of catheter into rectum



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