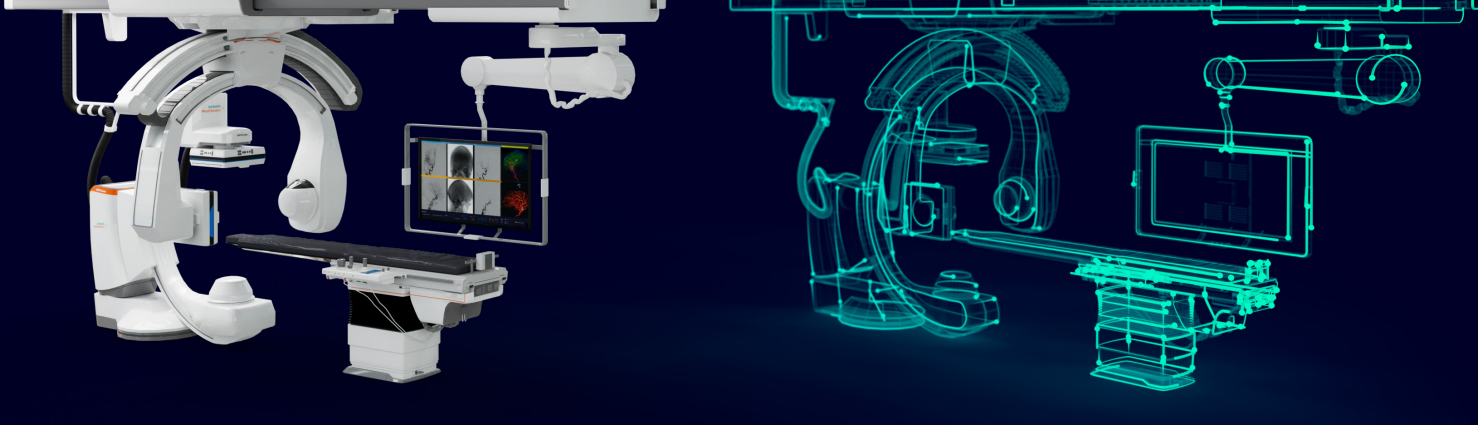


DIGITAL INDUSTRIES SOFTWARE

# The role of simulation in medical device development

Why digital transformation is key to mastering today's challenges and unleashing innovation



## Trends that are driving the need for digitalization in medical devices

- Increased demand for devices
- Personalized treatments
- Connected devices
- Regulatory compliance & validation
- Generating digital evidence

## Challenges facing medical device designers

- Multi-disciplinary work & need for strong collaboration
- Strict timelines
- Strong competition
- Providing quality evidence for product safety
- Collecting & organizing compliance data

## How simulation shapes medical device innovation

Simulation refers to a physics-based digital twin of a device, serving as the cornerstone of product development. It helps ensure:

- greater insight
- improved efficiency
- reduced development cycle time
- increased market agility

## Simulation is an invaluable tool that can be used at every stage of the product lifecycle

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| <p><b>Early device development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the best performing design</li> <li>Lower development costs</li> </ul> | <p><b>Regulatory approval</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the size/ scope of clinical trials</li> <li>Validate credible simulation results</li> </ul> | <p><b>Manufacturing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guide production decisions</li> <li>Evaluate late-stage design impacts</li> </ul> | <p><b>Post-market surveillance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify root cause of malfunctions</li> <li>Select design changes to address issues</li> </ul> |
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## Digital evidence generation via simulation

The process of using simulation to generate engineering information establishes product performance, an effort supported by the FDA and regulatory agencies worldwide.

CM&S (computational modeling and simulation) of medical devices can streamline development and reduce burdens associated with premarket device evaluation. It can also reveal important information not available from traditional in vivo or in vitro assessments, such as serious and unexpected adverse events that are undetectable within a study sample but occur frequently enough within the intended population to be of concern.

-Assessing the Credibility of Computational Modeling and Simulation in Medical Device Submission, FDA, 2023

## Key medical device application areas for simulation



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| <p><b>Orthopedics and personalized implants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additive manufacturing</li> <li>Biomechanics</li> <li>Lattice structures</li> </ul> | <p><b>Laboratory and diagnostic equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microfluidic devices</li> <li>MRI and CT scanners</li> </ul>        | <p><b>Cardiovascular and neurological</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modeling blood flow</li> <li>Effects of stents and heart valves</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Surgical and medical robotics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sterilization</li> <li>LED lighting</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Prosthetics and exoskeletons</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create customized, affordable products</li> <li>Test hydraulics</li> </ul> |   |

## Simcenter portfolio

### Engineer innovation for medical device performance

- Design analysis and functional performance**  
Fluid flow, motion, noise/vibration, durability, SH-HW integration
- Variability and robustness**  
Impact of variability from multiple interacting sources
- Information and process management**  
Maintain results records and track activity for reporting

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