

Benefits of using 3D printing in healthcare

3D printed, patient-specific anatomic models are transforming care and offering many benefits to hospitals, surgeons, patient care teams, and patients.



40-50M¹
Surgical procedures/year

With 40-50 million surgical procedures carried out annually in the United States alone, the opportunities for 3D printing in the healthcare market are extensive. Despite working in a highly regulated healthcare industry, the 3D printing ecosystem is creating new technologies, materials and use cases that are being continuously tested in ways that can help create better patient and provider experiences.

3D benefits

- Hospitals
- Surgeons
- Care Teams
- Patients

Hospital benefits

\$1.2B²

3D printing market valuation = more innovation and potential for future mass usage

14.1%³

3-year CAGR indicates a high growth category, as 3D becomes more standardized

62⁴

Minutes average operating room time savings = save operational resources and labor



Patient experiences = loyalty, higher potential revenue over the care continuum



Innovative models and technology can help attract resources, donors, and patients

\$3,720⁵

Average cost savings per case

Surgeon benefits



7.6%⁶

Time savings on average per case, which can help increase flexibility on case load



50%⁷

Of cases redefined their surgical approach with a 3D model



Pre-surgical planning options



Can help select the right sized devices prior to surgery



Instills confidence and can improve certainty with ability to practice⁸



Cadaver-free training options

“3D printing has the potential to significantly improve the research knowledge and the skills of the new generation of surgeons, the relationship between patient and surgeon, increasing the level of understanding of the disease involved, and the patient-specific design of implantable devices and surgical tools and optimize the surgical process and cost.”

— National Institutes of Health⁹



Care team benefits



Effective tool for providing education



Patient-specific model offers another way to explain a patient's unique situation

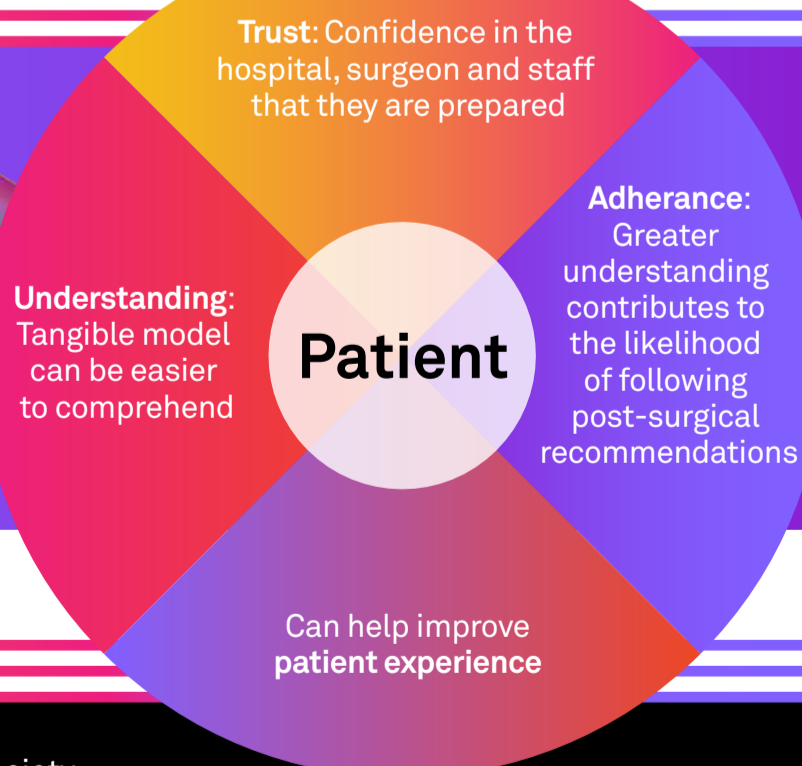


Can help with gaining informed consent



Better care team collaboration by seeing the same patient-specific anatomic model

Patient benefits



Advancing healthcare is essential to who we are as individuals and to our society. 3D printing in healthcare is changing the way hospitals, physicians, care teams and patients approach, collaborate and educate individual cases in ways that can help build trust, engagement and cost-savings.

At Ricoh, we are committed to innovation and development of the 3D printing industry to bring better experiences to our customers. As a leading, global manufacturer, we have the power to scale; offer managed services, both off-site and on-site; and utilize our large team of services and IT technicians in the U.S. We offer access to software, hardware, personnel, and robust quality assurance for point-of-care or centralized 3D model production. Since the outputs of 3D printing for use in healthcare are often considered a medical device, we have obtained FDA 510(k) clearance for diagnostic and anatomical models within craniomaxillofacial (CMF), orthopedic, cardiovascular, neurological, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and breast applications.¹⁰



For more information, questions, or to request a model, please contact us.

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