FiXatas - Ready-to use surgical knots



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In the project a device and method for the generation of extra corporally pre-tied surgical knots has been developed. The device consists of a yarn carrier with a pre-tied but still open knot ready to use during surgery. It is easy to use even by non-surgeons without special training. Knots produced are stronger and more stable than other sliding knots and tying is faster. Potential user groups have been extended. The first use field will be endoscopic surgery where tying knots is very challenging due to limitations in space and the visual field. Several patents and designs have been filed. The team has founded a startup in early 2020.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS DURING & AFTER SPARK

- Patent granted in 2018
- Project developed from invention to marketable product
- Winner of the Ethicon Future Award 2016

MedTech

Surgery

- 3rd Place of PROFUND "Research to Market Challenge 2017", 2nd Place at BPW 2018 contest, 2nd Place at YES! Delft Pitching 2019
- Started negotiations with medtech
- Startup <u>Clouz</u> founded in 2019

PREVIOUS SPARK FUNDING

• Track 1 2016

