Automated Extracranial Internal Carotid Artery (ICA) Ultrasound Sensor for TBI

AWARD AMOUNT: $115,695

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THE PROBLEM

Ischemia is the most common and devastating secondary insult to TBI patients, occurring when there is low blood flow to the brain. Currently, there is no way to non-invasively measure cerebral blood flow (CBF).

- Invasive devices risk further complications
- Systolic blood pressure measures are often unreliable
- Sounds an alert if blood flow falls below goal threshold

THE SOLUTION

An ultrasound platform capable of measuring cerebral blood flow to prevent ischemia

- Noninvasive, continuous measurement
- Sensor is easily applied to patient’s neck
- Sounds an alert if blood flow falls below goal threshold

THE TECHNOLOGY

The ultrasound sensor wirelessly transmits data to a server that calculates the ICA blood flow. When processed by an algorithm, ICA blood flow can be used to continuously monitor CBF.

If blood flow to the brain falls below a clinician-selected goal, the system sounds an alarm signaling the patient is at risk for ischemia.