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### **Katie MacCallum Joins the NewGen Surgical Team**

San Rafael, California, July 14, 2017 — Katie MacCallum has joined the NewGen Surgical team for the summer while she works on her Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Currently a senior, Katie has worked with engineering teams at CalPoly to create a functional knee brace and a mathematical model of knee joint reaction forces.

Katie will work closely with Vice President of Engineering and Operations, Ken Blier, and Senior Operations Manager, Peter Szyperki. As an Engineering Intern, she will assist in the mechanical evaluation of new and existing products, as well as provide support with the development of new experiments and methods of testing product. Additionally, she will evaluate test data and prepare test report drafts, and collaborates in the development of test protocol.

“As we continue developing sustainably designed products for the O.R., we are excited for Katie to join our team this summer. She will collaborate with NewGen Surgical engineers to improve and rethink how single-use medical devices and surgical products are designed. Katie worked with a group of six engineering students at Santa Rosa Junior College to create a prosthetic arm for a trans-radial amputee within a \$40 budget. She is innovative while being methodical, and we are really looking forward to having her on our team this summer,” said Robert Chase, Founder and President.

### **About NewGen Surgical, Inc.**

NewGen Surgical, Inc. develops and manufactures sustainably designed, single-use medical devices and surgical products. NewGen Surgical’s mission is to reduce plastic waste in the O.R. by redesigning disposable products. NewGen Surgical offers hospitals and surgery centers a solution to their sustainability programs and meet Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) objectives. Founded in 2012 in the San Francisco Bay Area, NewGen Surgical is a member of Practice Greenhealth’s Greening the OR® Initiative and Think Beyond Plastic Accelerator, and was commended in the 2015 Circular Economy Awards of the Young Global Leaders at the

World Economic Forum and a finalist at the 2017 Sustainable Brands Innovation Open. For more information, visit [www.newgensurgical.com](http://www.newgensurgical.com).