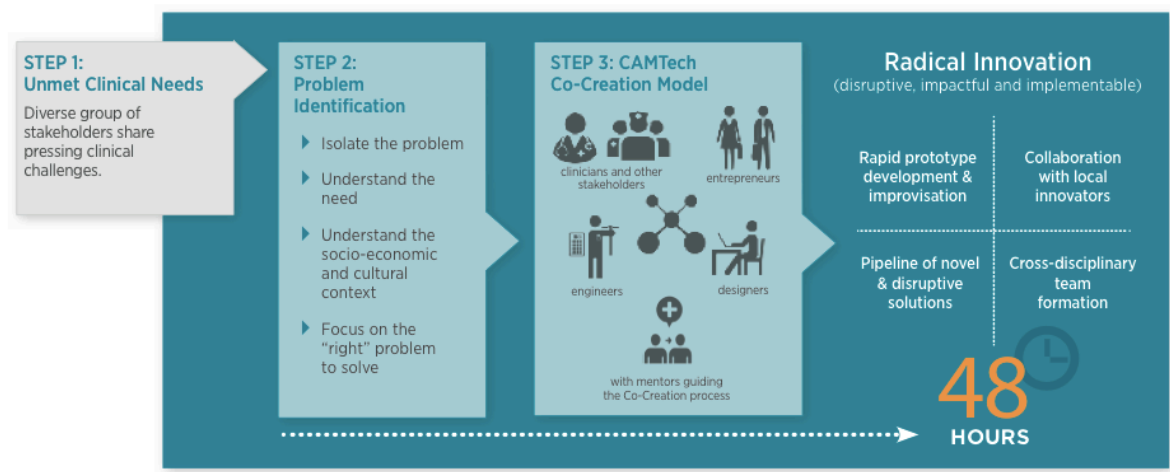


## CAMTech Hack-a-thon Overview

*Be part of the solution!*

CAMTech hack-a-thons serve as an open-innovation platform for a diverse community of clinicians, engineers, entrepreneurs, industry experts and end-users to co-create innovations over a 48-hour period. Through cross-disciplinary collaboration, mentorship, time/resource constraints and award incentives, participants are provided a unique environment that spurs innovative solutions that have the potential to transform the way health care is delivered in many settings across the globe. Below is a snapshot of the hack-a-thon process.

### Hack-a-thon at a Glance



### Why are hack-a-thons successful in driving medical technology innovation?

Medtech hack-a-thons provide a unique environment that spurs disruptive innovation within time and resource constraints because of:

- ▣ *Speed* – Teams can move from idea to early prototype development within 48 hours.
- ▣ *Cost* – There is a very low investment for ideation, prototyping and bringing experts together.
- ▣ *Cross-disciplinary Collaboration* – Clinical, engineering, design and business experts work together by bringing multiple perspectives to address identified problems.
- ▣ *Opportunity to Iterate* – The environment is one where it is safe to fail, learn, re-build and pivot.
- ▣ *Mentorship* – Innovators have expedient access to experts from the field that fast track the process by answering team's questions and providing guidance.

## **CAMTech Hack-a-thon FAQs**

**Q: Who is eligible to attend?**

A: Anyone is able to apply! We look for participants that vary in background and are motivated to drive change in the healthcare space.

**Q: Do I need to come to the hack-a-thon with a team?**

A: No. We prefer for you to not come with a team as the truly successful teams form at the event through passion of working on a particular challenge.

**Q: I would like to participate in the event. Do I need to attend all three days of the event in order to be eligible to attend?**

A: In order to be accepted to the event, you must be able to attend both Saturday and Sunday of the hack-a-thon. You are not required to attend the events before the Hack-a-thon (Challenge Summit), but we recommend attending if possible.

**Q: I would like to mentor at the event. Do I need to attend all three days of the event in order to be eligible to attend?**

No, mentors are encouraged to attend the entire event but we only require mentors to commit to a minimum of three hours while teams are working (12P-6PM Sat, 9-2:30 Sun).

**Q: How much does it cost to attend?**

A: It is a free event.

**Q: Do I need to come to the event with a clinical challenge?**

A: No, we do not require you to come with a clinical challenge to pitch, but it is recommended.

**Q: I already have a solution that I have come up with- Can I pitch that?**

A: We request that participants come with clinical challenges, not solutions. We think it's important to start the innovation process with a problem and let that drive the different (perhaps not yet considered) solutions.

**Q: How are winners for the awards chosen?**

A: Projects will be judged based on the criteria outlined below under "Final Presentations." The judging panel will vary in expertise. Each team will provide a three-minute pitch to the judges on Sunday afternoon. Judging criteria can be found on the website [here](#).

**Q: If I come up with an idea during the event, will there be experts there to help me move it forward to an innovation and solution?**

A: Yes. CAMTech convenes mentors to share their expertise in health, implementation, engineering or business to aid in the development of essential and innovative health technologies and processes to tackle challenges. There will be many experts in the field attending the event that can help mentor your team! Mentors can be found on our website [here](#).

**Check out our past CAMTech Hack-a-thon videos to see what our hack-a-thons are like!**

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