

**Jill N. Baxter**  
Associate

**Professional Profile**

Ms. Jill Baxter is an Associate in Exponent's Biomedical Engineering practice. Ms. Baxter is an experienced laboratory operator and is trained in the execution of the ISO 17025 accredited procedures established in Exponent's Philadelphia laboratory. This experience includes testing in accordance with a variety of ASTM and ISO protocols for medical device and material evaluation. She has conducted experiments for which the scope of work included mechanical testing, *in vitro* wear simulation, microscopic inspection, and FTIR spectroscopy.

In addition to device and material characterization, Ms. Baxter has direct experience with all phases of cadaveric testing, including various imaging techniques, dissection, and mechanical testing protocols. She developed and implemented a tissue tracking database to manage all of the cadaveric tissue at the Philadelphia laboratory facility. Ms. Baxter has used these skills to determine mechanical properties of the endplates of the human intervertebral discs.

**Academic Credentials and Professional Honors**

B.S., Biomedical Engineering, Drexel University (*summa cum laude*), 2009

Presidential Scholarship, 2004–2009

**Licenses and Certifications**

Engineer-in-Training, Pennsylvania, #ET013697

**Languages**

Spanish

## **Presentations and Published Abstracts**

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