

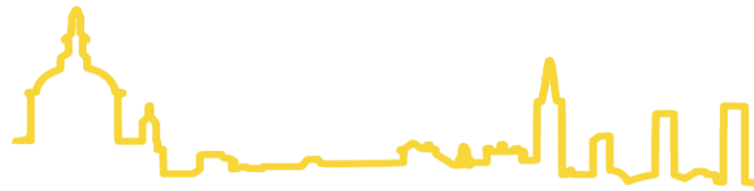


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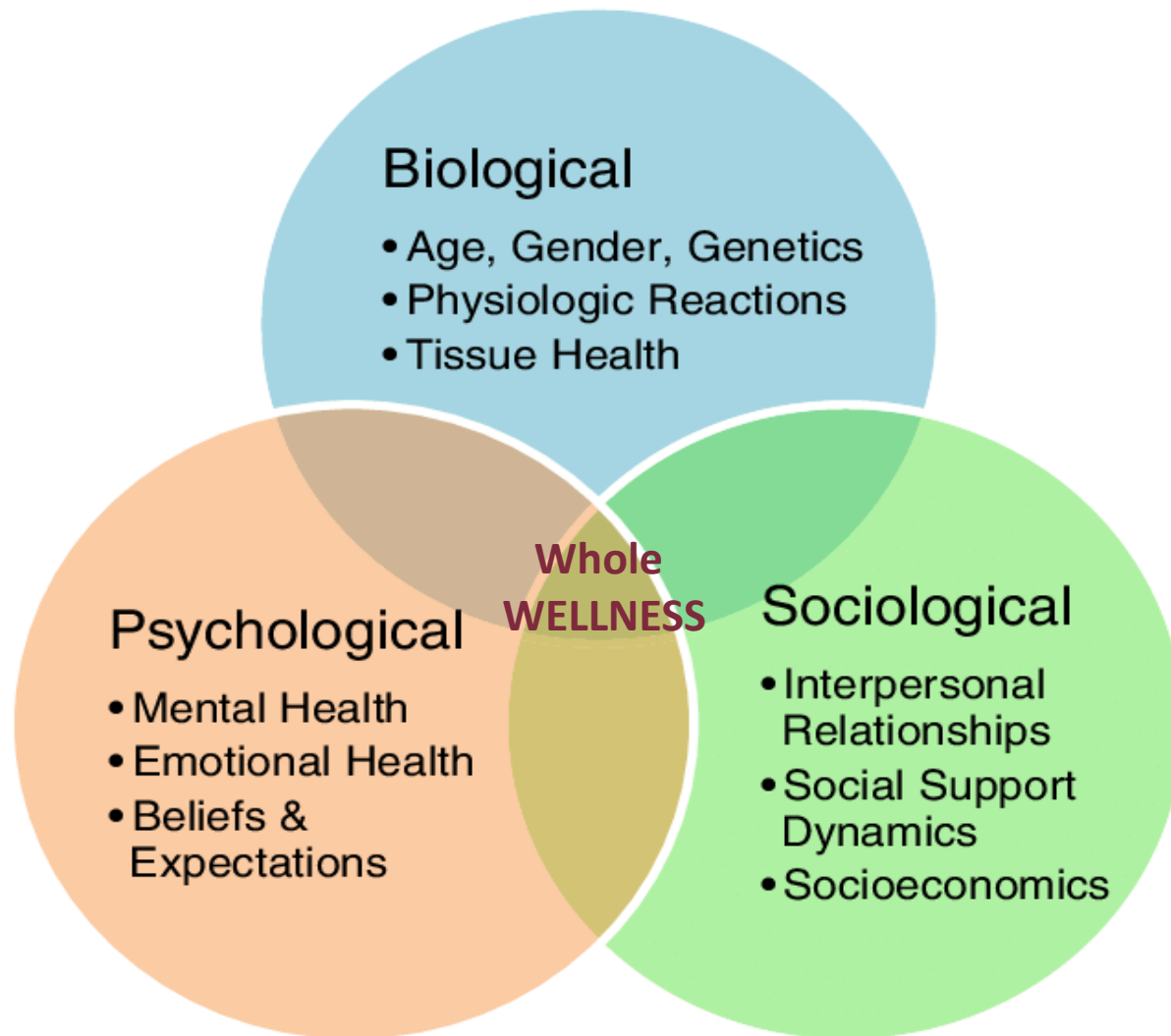
Regenerative Medicine: where do we stand?

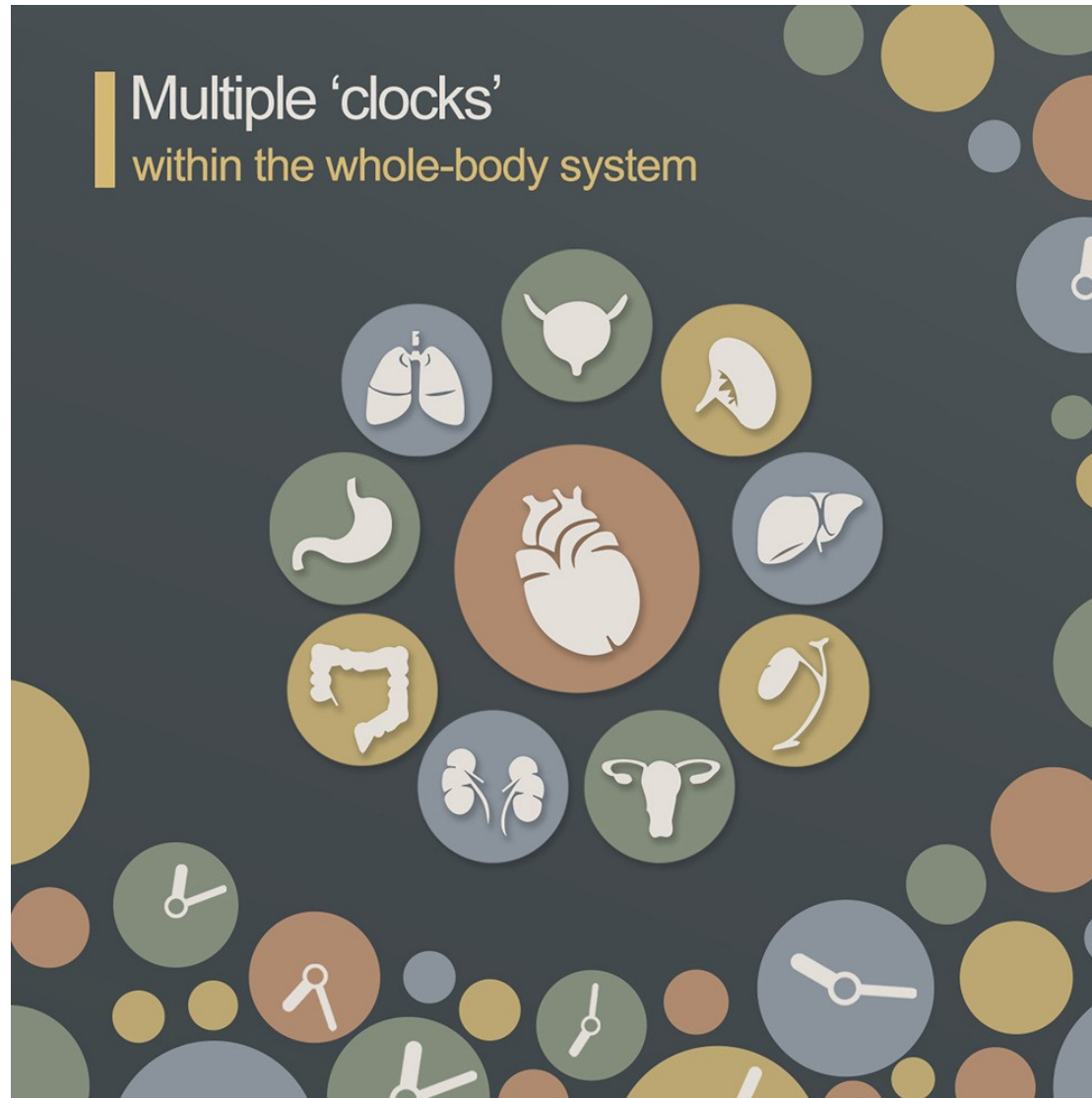
Federica Riva & Manuela Monti



BIO-PSYCHO-SOCIAL MODEL

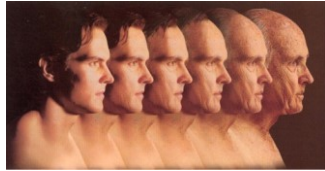
[Engels, 1977; Schwartz, 1982; Blascovich et al., 2004]





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↑ Longevity
Aging
Chronic diseases



Brain



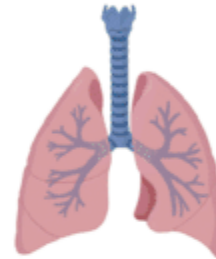
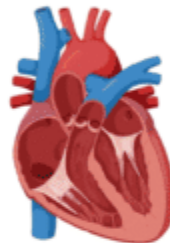
- ↓ Brain Volume [5]
- ↓ Deterioration of Myelin Sheath [12]
- ↓ Temporal Lobe [9]
- ↓ Hippocampus Volume [9]



Degenerating Myelin Sheath
Healthy Myelin Sheath

Heart

- ↓ Reduced cell number of cardiomyocytes and sinoatrial pacemaker [53,54]
- ↓ Decreased Strength and Elasticity of Cardiac walls [53,54]



Lungs

- ↓ Reduced Cough Strength [35,36]
- ↓ Reduced ability of cilia lining (upper and lower) [37]
- ↓ Decrease in Alveolus Elasticity [38-39]
- ↑ Increase in Alveolus size [38-39]

Musculoskeletal

- ↑ Increased Brittleness: change in bone mineral density and protein matrix ([20-22])
- ↓ Decline in Muscle mass and formation [24-25]
- ↓ Decrease of fast myosin fibres
- Accumulation of fat tissues [27-29]

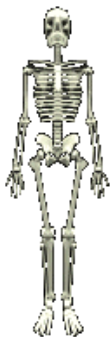


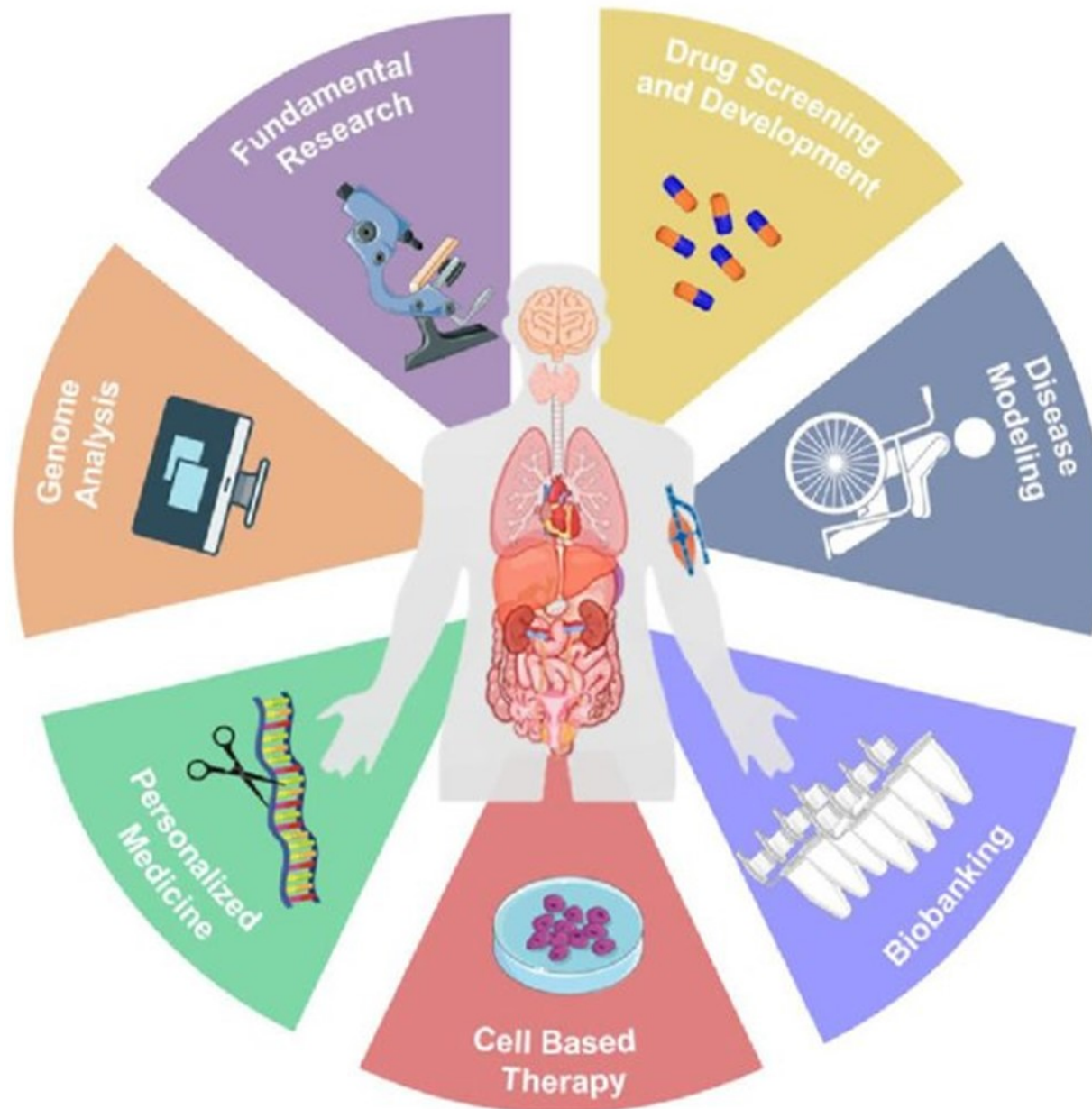
Common Features across Organs

- Decreased Cell Number and Function
- Change in Tissue Structure
- Increased Chronic Inflammation

Gastrointestinal

- ↓ Decreased Microbiome Diversity [46,47]
- ↓ Reduced Gut Motility [48]
- ↓ Loss of Intestinal Barrier Integrity [48]





THE IDEA BEHIND
REGENERATIVE
MEDICINE





Online Question

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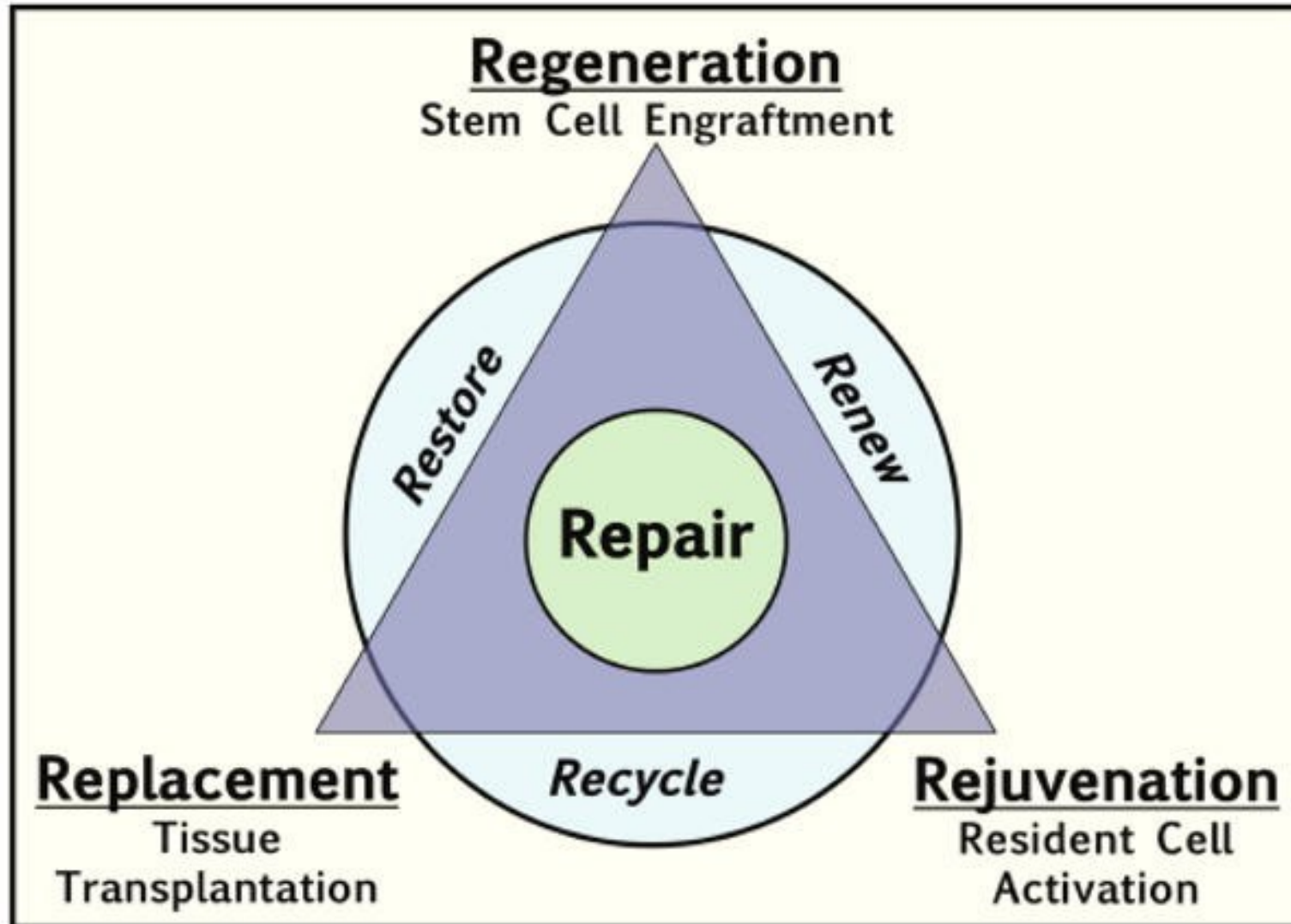
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (RM)

“Regenerative medicine is an emerging interdisciplinary field of research and clinical application focused on the repair, replacement or regeneration of cells, tissues or organs to restore (using the natural ability of human body to heal itself) impaired function resulting from any cause, including congenital defects, diseases, trauma and aging.”

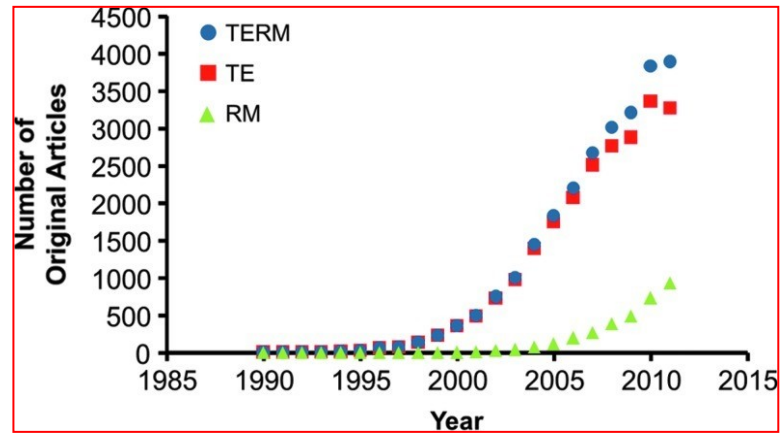
W. Haseltine 1999

Greenwood H. et al. *Int. J. Biotechnol.* 8, 60–77 (2006)

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE PARADIGM R³



Clin Transl Sci. 2008 Sep 10; 1(2): 168–171



The rise of tissue engineering (TE) and regenerative medicine (RM) (=TERM). (Results obtained via Scopus® search using key words “tissue engineering” OR “regenerative medicine”). Color images available online at www.liebertpub.com/teb.

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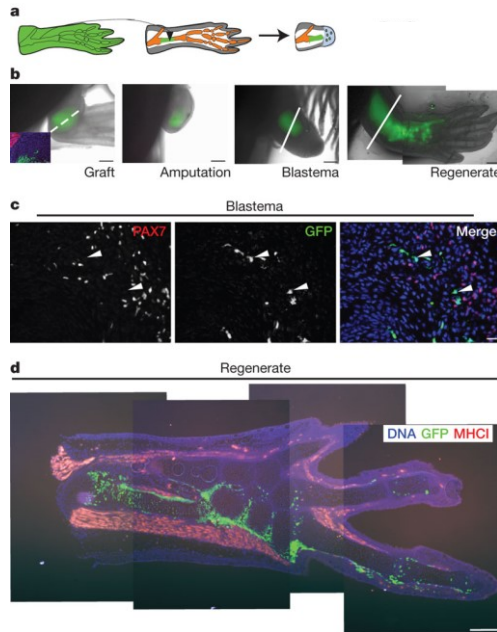
RESULTS BY YEAR

Regenerative medicine, organ bioengineering and transplantation.
PMID: 27616171 Review. Japanese. No abstract available.

Tissue engineering and **regenerative medicine**: history, progress, and



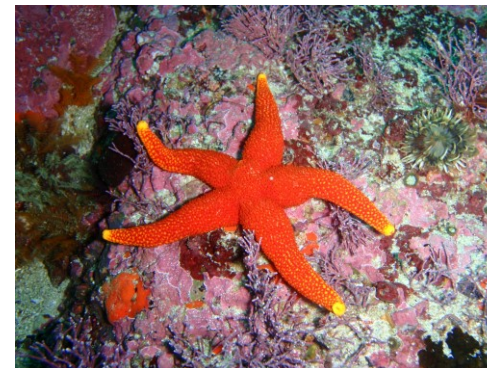
A salamander can regenerate an amputated limb after several days...



...a human severed fingertip can regenerate until 11 years of age!



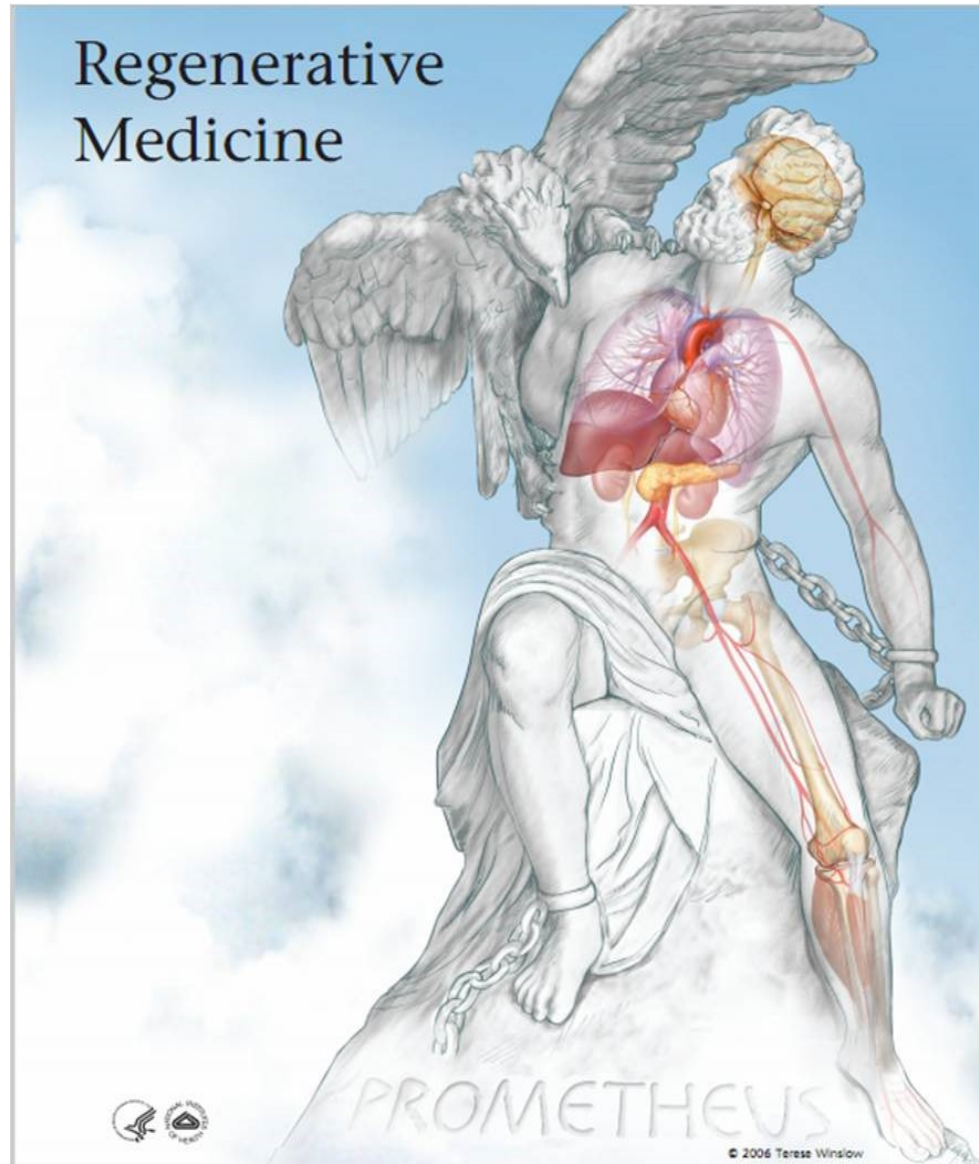
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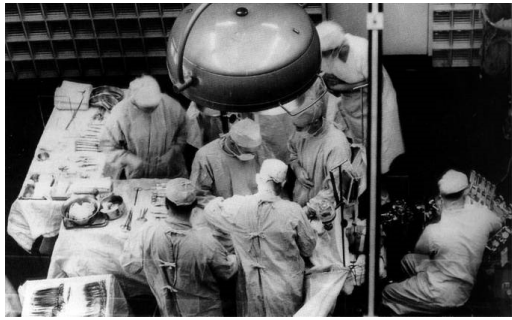
The regeneration of starfish arm

M Kragl *et al.* *Nature* **460**, 60-65 (2009) doi:10.1038/nature08152

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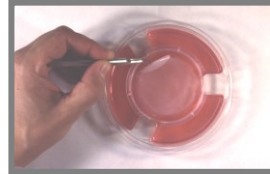


Timeline of the recent history of RM



Joseph Murray and his team (1954)

Apligraf Skin Equivalent



Epicel is approved as the first cell-based product (16)

Apligraf is invented (16)

RM is at the forefront of healthcare

William Haseltine coins the term regenerative medicine (2)

Start-up companies dominate the field (17)



1954

1960

1979 1981

1980

1998

2000

2002

2004

2006

2019

First human transplant (1)

Boston researchers attempt to regenerate skin and cartilage tissue (2)

Discovery of a method to grow embryonic stem cells in the laboratory (2)

Capital value of the industry plummets (17)

First engineered tissue is implanted (3)



Human embryo at blastocyst stage

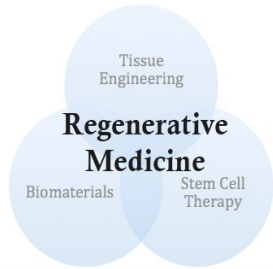
Clin Transl Sci (2020) 13, 440–450

Timeline of the recent history of RM

A partial list of firsts in RM.

Year	First
1968	First cell transplantation: bone marrow transplant
1978	Discovery of stem cells in human cord blood
1981	First in vitro stem cell line developed from mice
1981	First engineered tissue transplantation: skin
1996	Creation of the first cloned animal: a sheep, named Dolly
1998	Isolation of human embryonic stem cells
1999	First laboratory-grown organ: an artificial bladder implanted in a patient suffering from myelomeningocele
2004	Implantation of first engineered tubular organs (urine conduits)
2007	Discovery of stem cells derived from amniotic fluid and placenta
2009	First solid organ engineered by recycling donor live:

J Microsc Ultrastruct. 2015 Jul-Sep; 3(3): 101–107



Alternative to organ transplants to regenerate tissues or organs biologically

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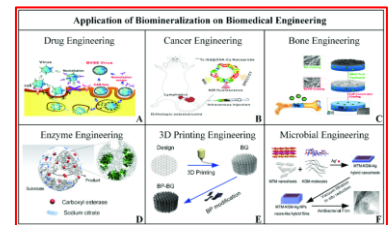
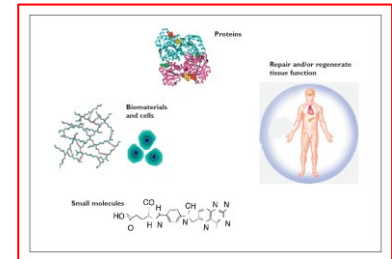
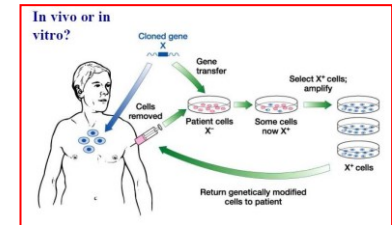
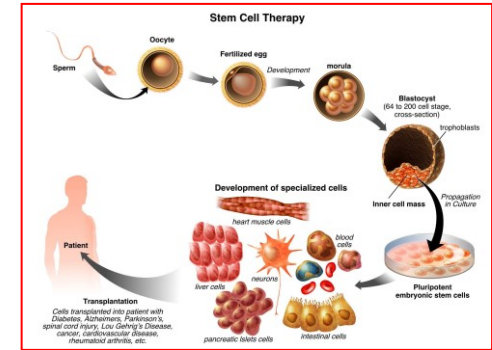
- Tissue regeneration *in situ*
- Cell implant
- Tissue/organ 3D construct *in vitro*
- Grow factors delivery by scaffolds

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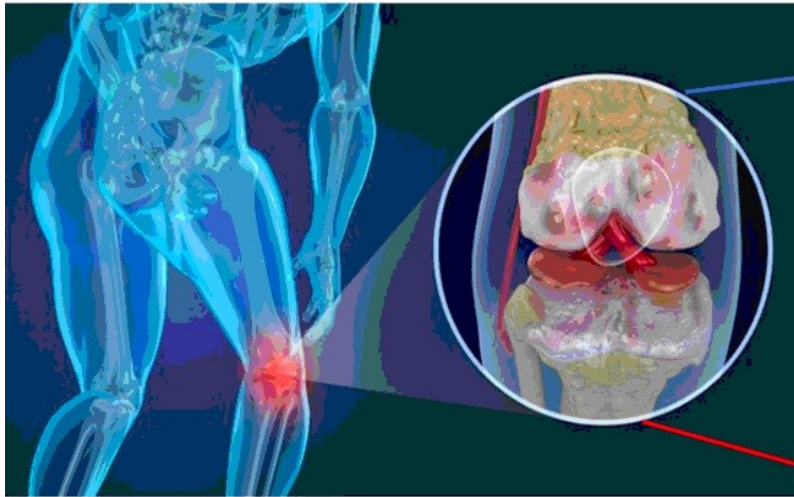
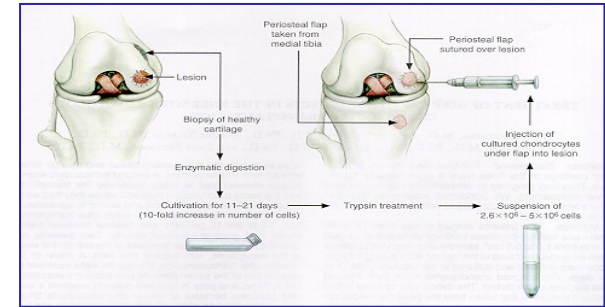
GENE THERAPY

TISSUE ENGINEERING

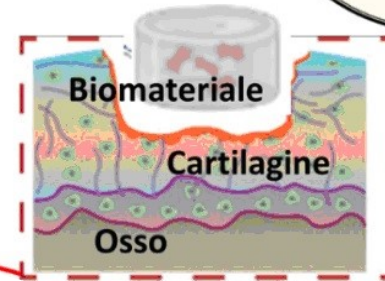
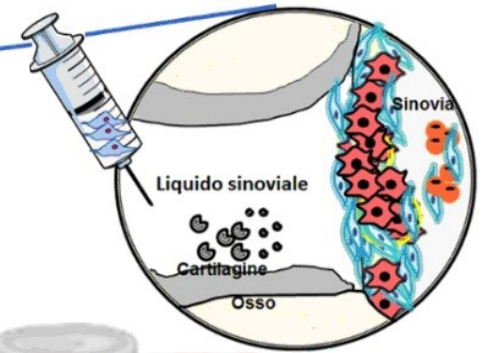
BIOMEDICAL/PHARMACOLOGICAL ENGINEERING APPROACHES



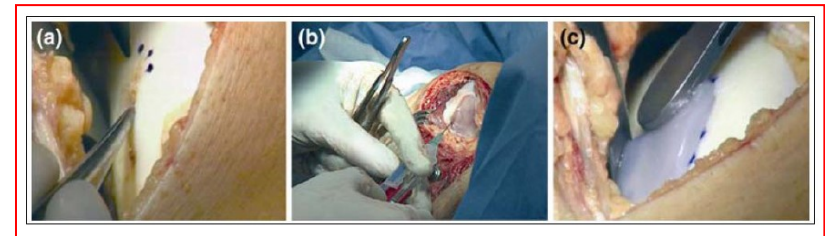
Osteoarthritis (cruciated ligaments)



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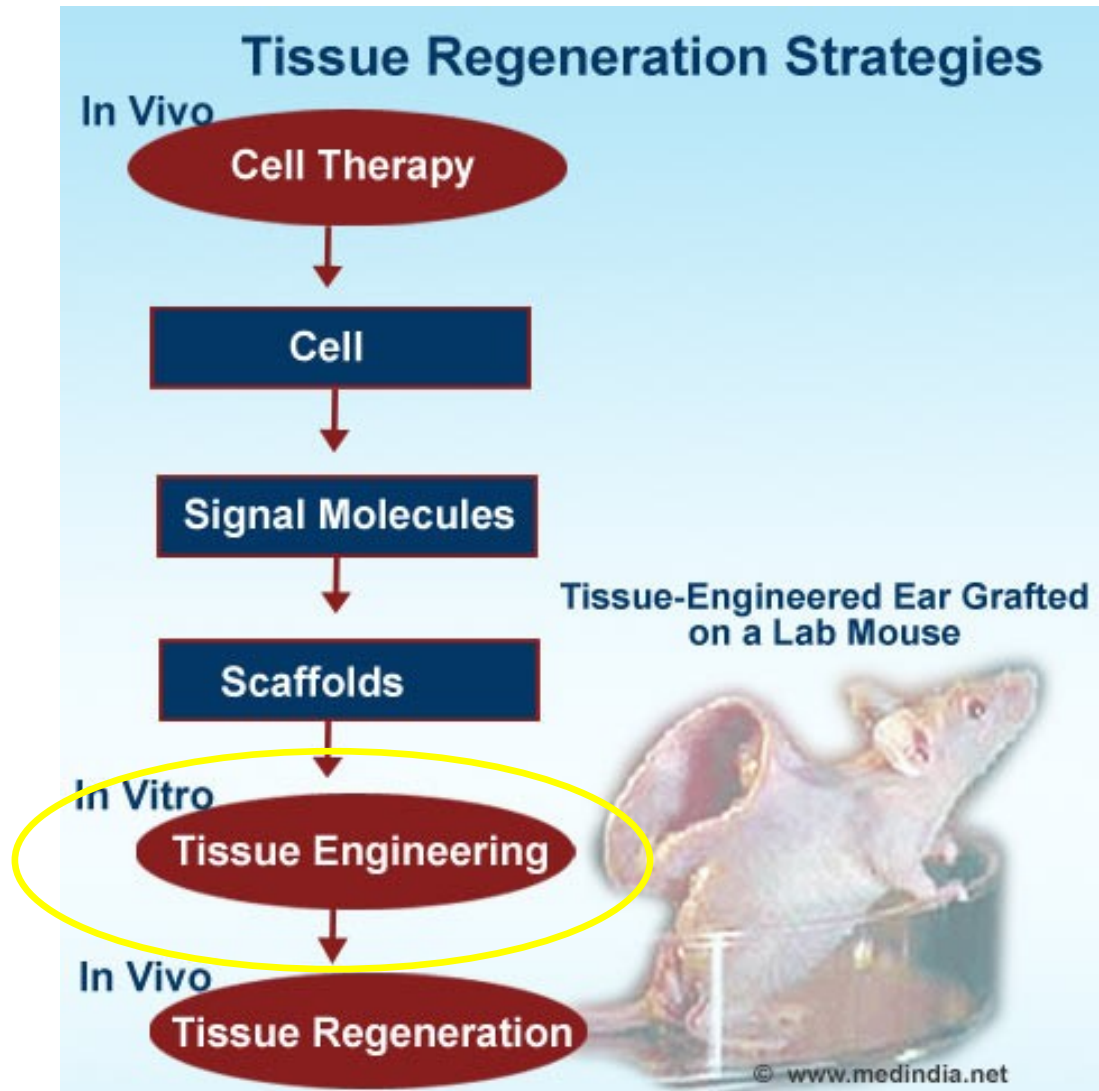


TISSUE ENGINEERING





Summarizing...



Robert Langer and Joseph Vacanti

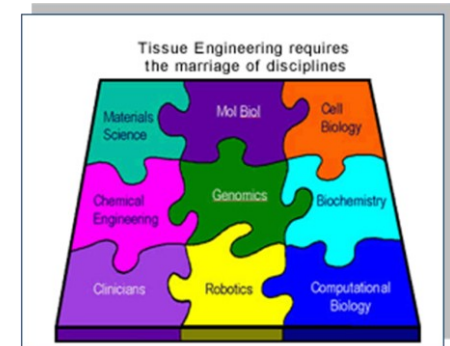


Over 1000 articles
Over 1000 patents
Chemical Engineer who studied with the “father of angiogenesis” as a post-doc



Surgeon at MGH
Has worked on 27 tissues/organs

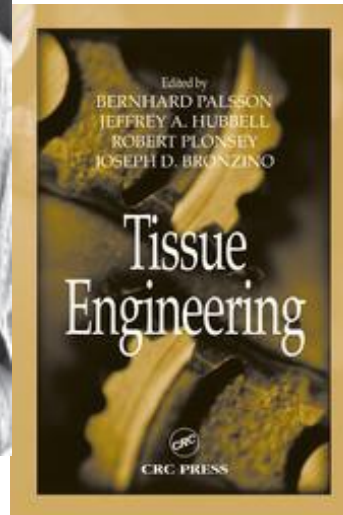
TISSUE ENGINEERING (TE)



Mike Sefton, <http://www.utoronto.ca/IBBME/research/tissue.htm>

Tissue engineering is “an interdisciplinary field that applies the principles of engineering and life sciences toward the development of biological substitutes that restore, maintain or improve tissue function or a whole organ”.

R. Langer and J Vacanti *SCIENCE* 1993, 260, Issue 5110 pp. 920-92



TISSUE ENGINEERING (TE)



Create biological organs/tissues (known as neo-organs) in «a short time», similar to the original natural organs, to be used to overcome **rejection** and **availability** problems associated with **transplants** and with the use of artificial prostheses, used for the recovery of physiological functions of damaged organs and tissues.

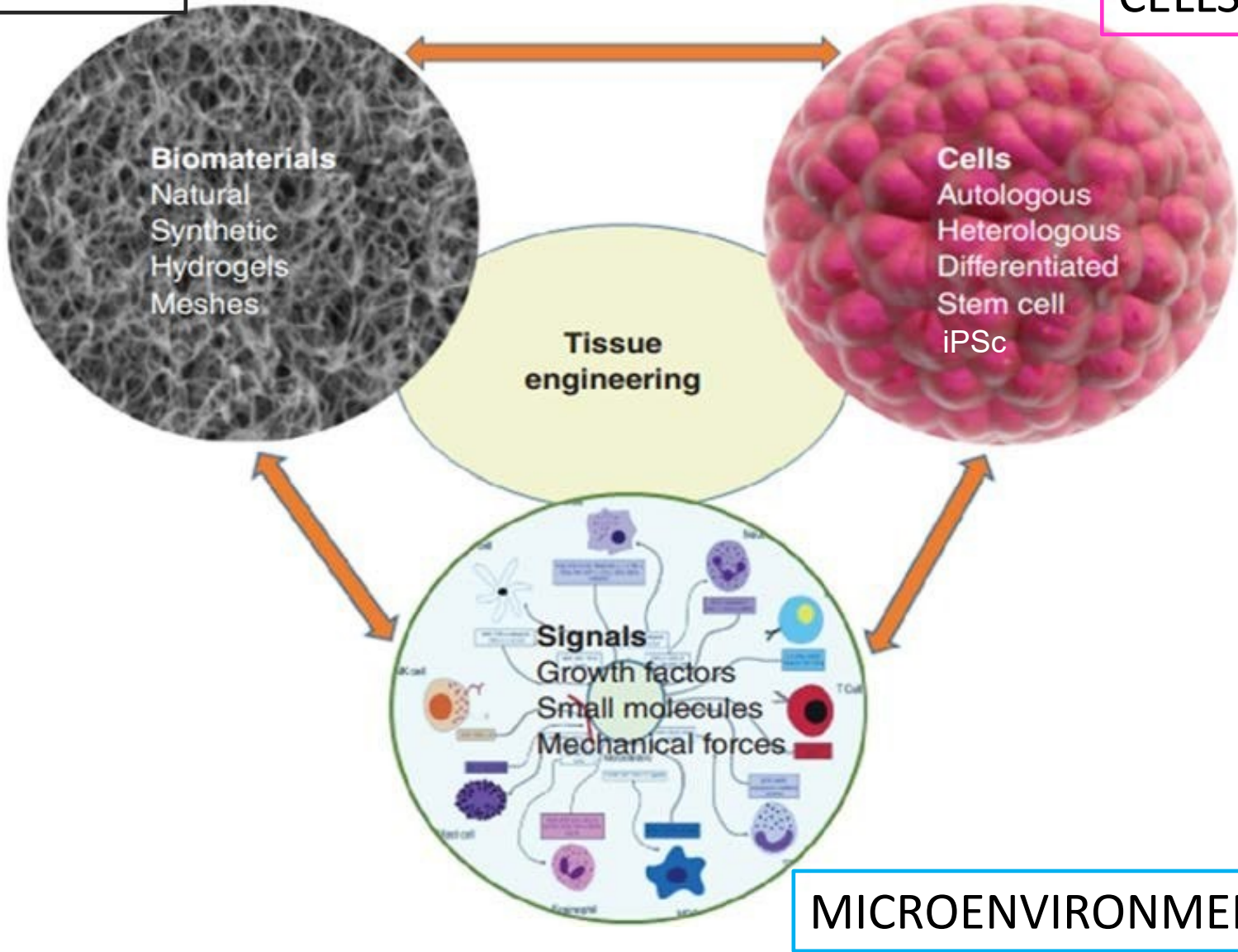


TISSUE ENGINEERING (TE)

The general principle of Tissue Engineering (TE) involves a combination of living and viable cells with a synthetic/natural and also biodegradable support (SCAFFOLD) to make a 3D living construct that is FUNCTIONALLY, STRUCTURALLY AND MECHANICALLY equal or better than the tissue it needs to replace.

SCAFFOLD

CELLS



MAIN STEPS OF TISSUE ENGINEERING

- Choice of cell type or types
- Choice of the scaffold and its structure
- Cell seeding into the matrix (scaffold)
- Culture in dynamic conditions: tissue “conditioning”
- Cell replication and differentiation (if needed)
- Secretion by the cell of the extracellular matrix (ECM)
- Remodeling and transformation of ECM materials
- Implantation of the construct in the patient
- Adaptation and assimilation of the system



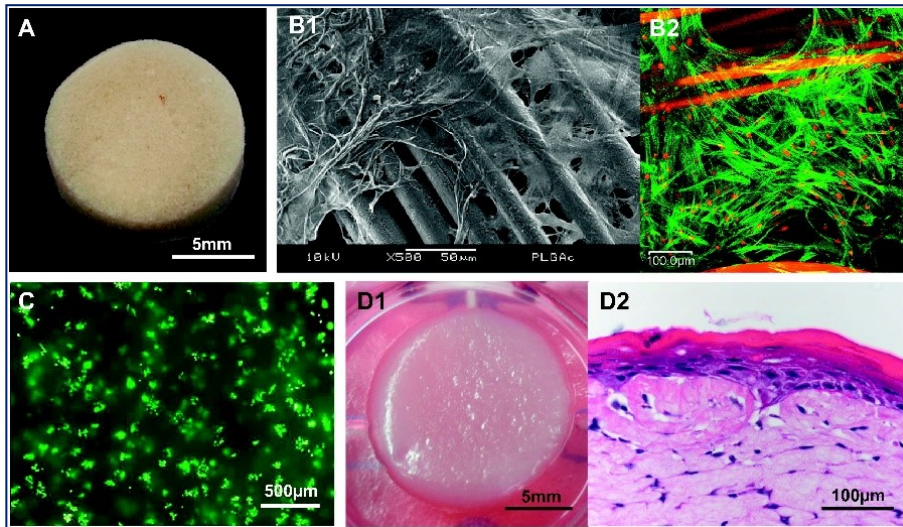
CELLS

Advantages and disadvantages of cell types used in RM.

Cell type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Differentiated endogenous primary cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tissue rejection Reduced inflammatory response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult expansion because of in vitro short lifespan Difficulty in getting healthy cells in diseased organs
Adult stem cells (ASCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tissue rejection No ethical problems No tumors Easy isolation In some cases easy access (e.g. apheresis and subcutaneous fat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low number in each tissue Difficult in vitro expansion without differentiation
Embryonic stem cells (ESCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited ability to self-renew Potential to differentiate into many specialized cells from all the three germ layers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical and political problems Tumorigenicity Need for feeder cell layers (risk of xeno-contamination when mouse fibroblasts are used)

Sampogna, G., Guraya, S. Y., & Forgione, A. (2015). *Journal of Microscopy and Ultrastructure*, 3(3), 101-107.

SYNTHETIC SCAFFOLDS



Leong D.T and Ng K.W. (2014) *Adv Drug Del Rev* 79: 95-106.

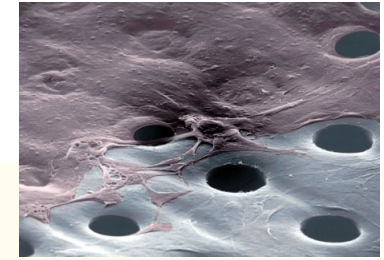
SCAFFOLD

NATURAL SCAFFOLDS



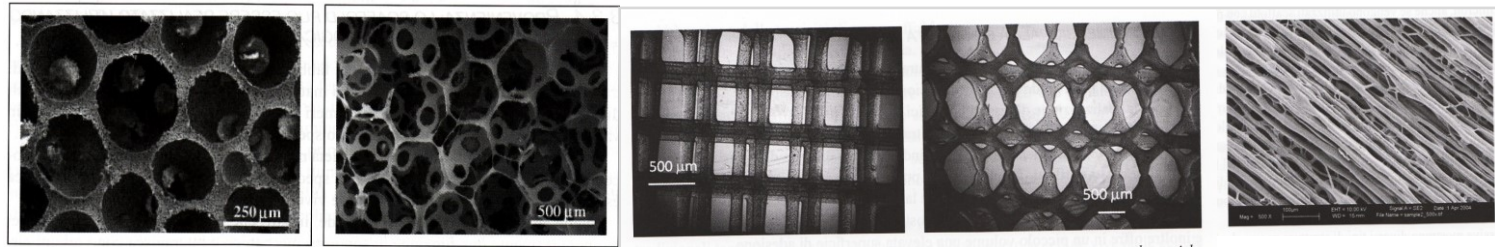
J.E.Arenas- Herrera, *Biomed. Mater.* 8 (2013)

BIOMATERIALS for SCAFFOLD



Examples of biomaterials used in RM.

Origin	Examples
Natural materials	Collagen, fibrin, chitosan, dextran, alginate, gelatin, cellulose, hyaluronic acid (HA), silk fibroin
Acellular tissue matrix	Bladder acellular matrix (BAM), small intestinal submucosa (SIS), bowel acellular tissue matrix (ATM), bovine pericardium (BPV), human placental membrane (HPM)
Synthetic polymers	Polyglycolic acid (PGA), polylactic acid (PLA), poly(lactic-co-glycolic) acid (PLGA), polycaprolactone (PCL), poly(copalactone-co-ethyl ethylene phosphate) (PCLEEP), polydioxane (PDS), polyethylene glycol (PGE), poly-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)metacrylamide (PHEMA), poly-N-(2-hydroxypropyl)methacrylamide (PHPMA)

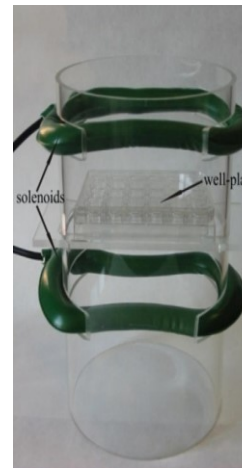
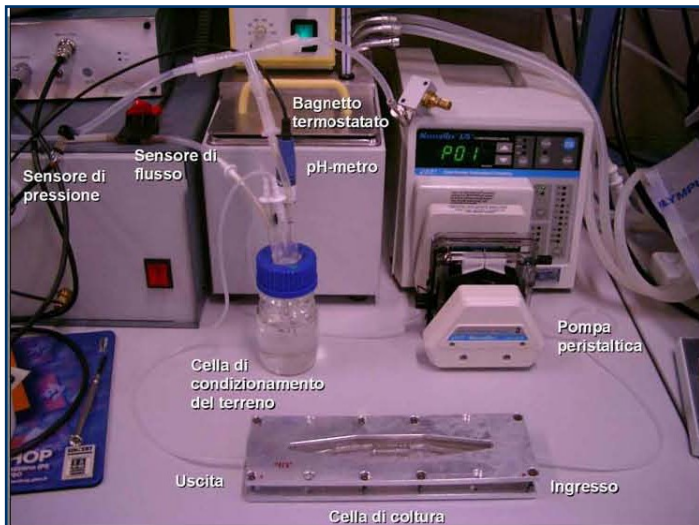
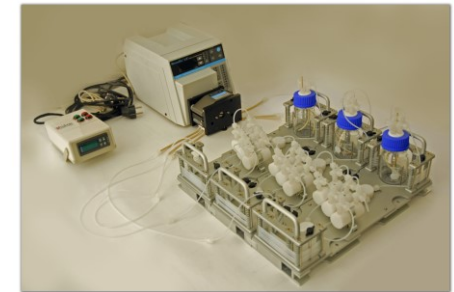
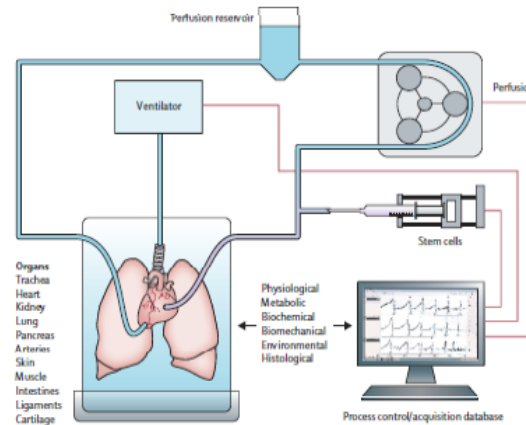


MICROENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL SIGNALS

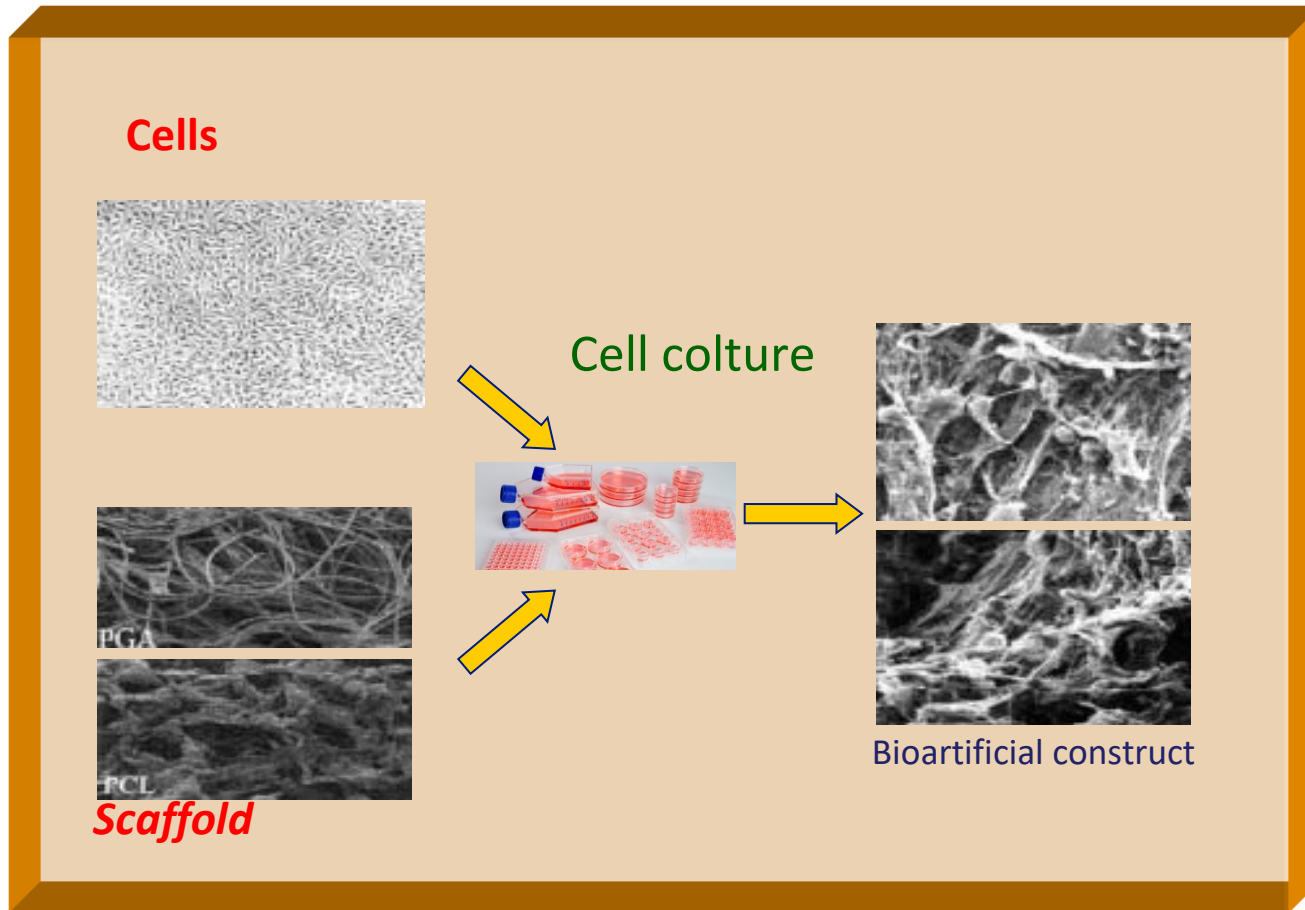
Growth factors
Small molecules
Mechanical forces

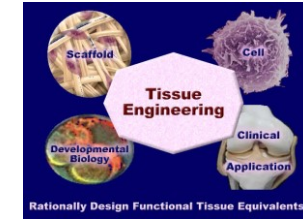
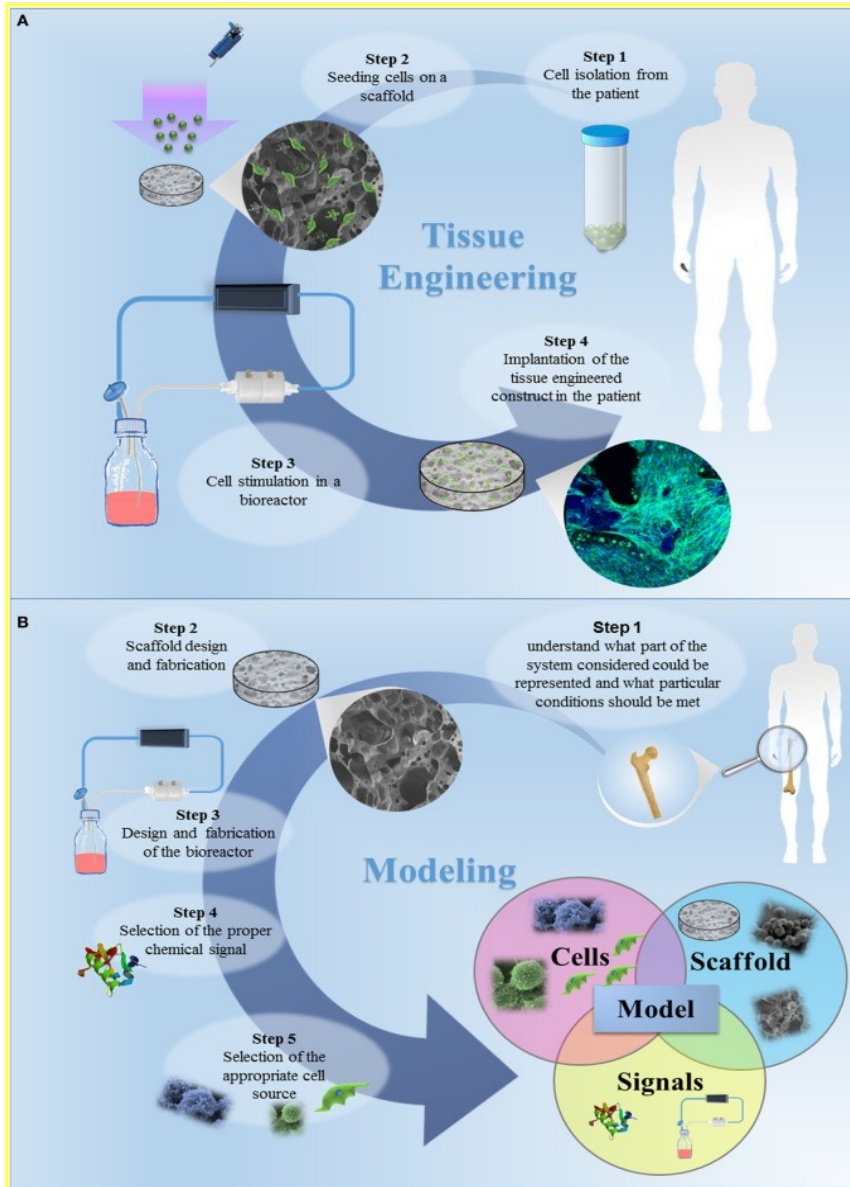
BIOREACTORS



**Remember to choose in relation
to the research aim because
choosing the wrong model may
influence the results**



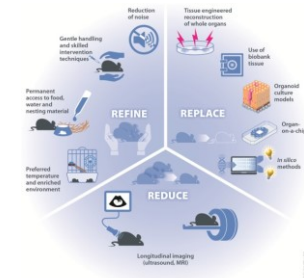




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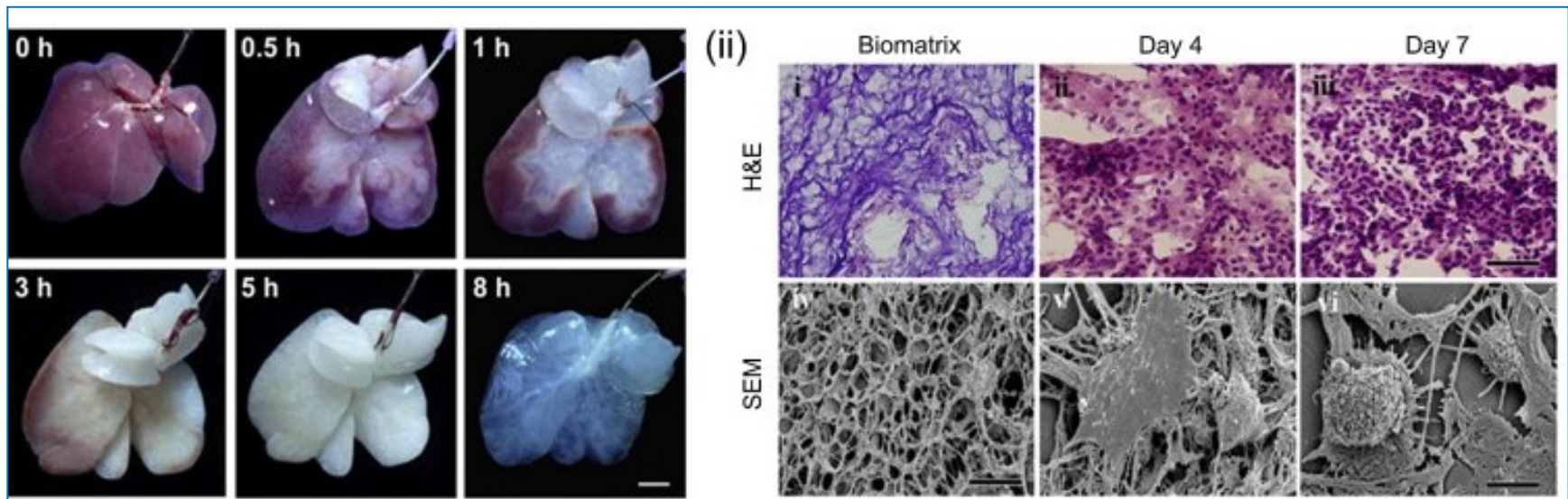
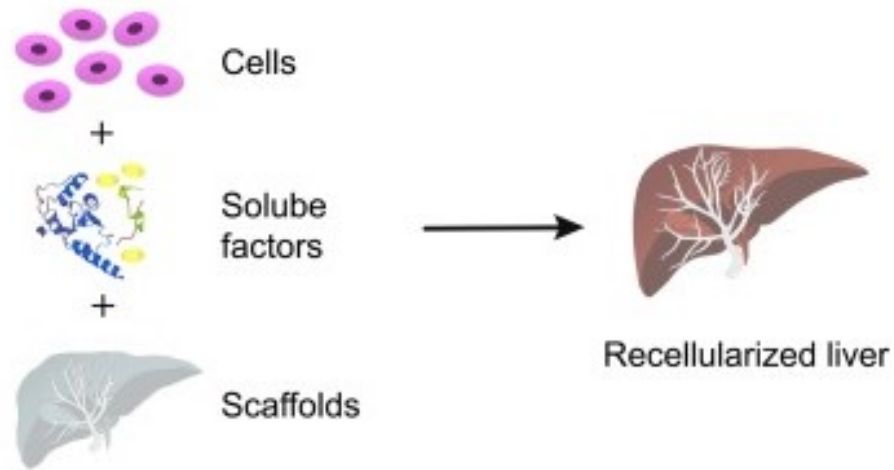
➔ EXPERIMENTAL MODEL

- Biological studies
 - Drug tests
- [R3 strategy for animal wellness]



Caddeo S.. et al, *Frontiers In Bioeng Biotech*, 2017, Vol. 5, Art. 40

TE of liver

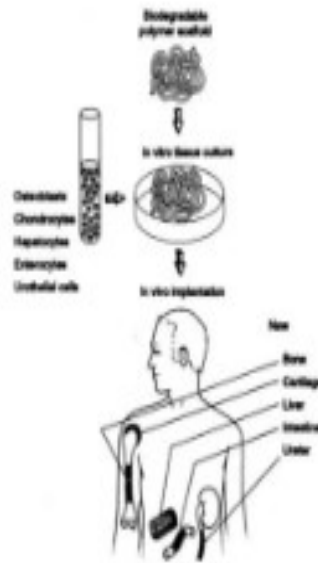


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TE of cartilage: ear-shaped cartilage structure

The Beginning.....

Joseph Vacanti* & Robert Langer** (1993)



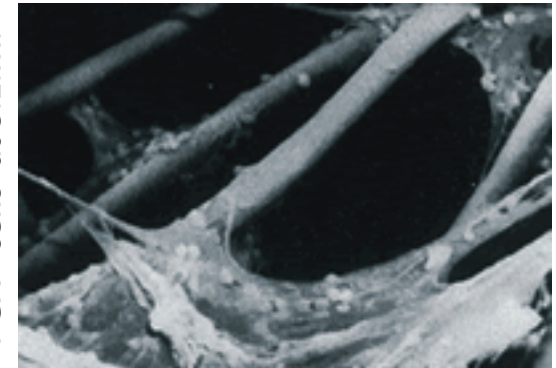
Langer R1, Vacanti JP, Tissue engineering, Science, 1993

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PGA scaffold



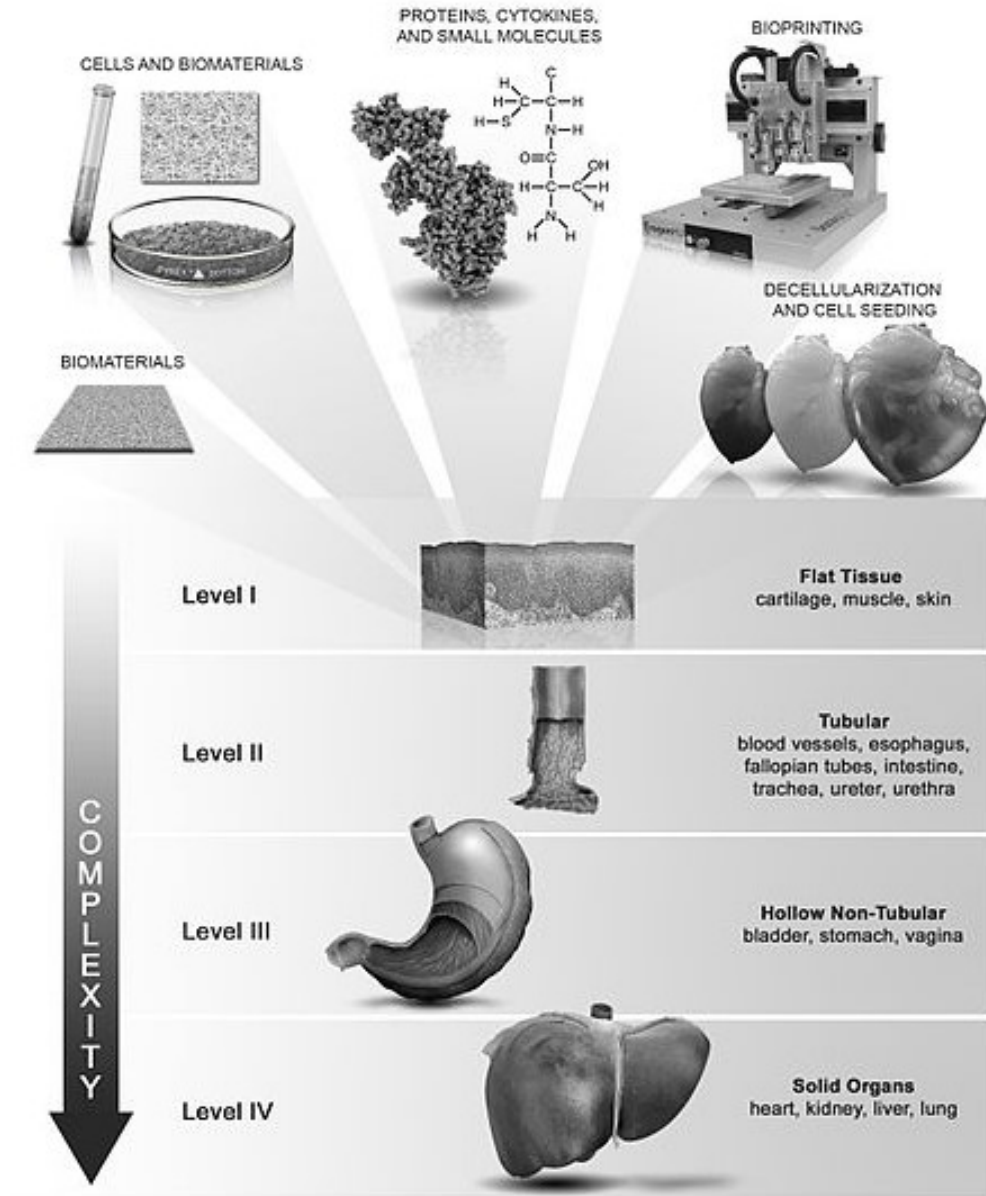
PGA + cells at S.E.M.



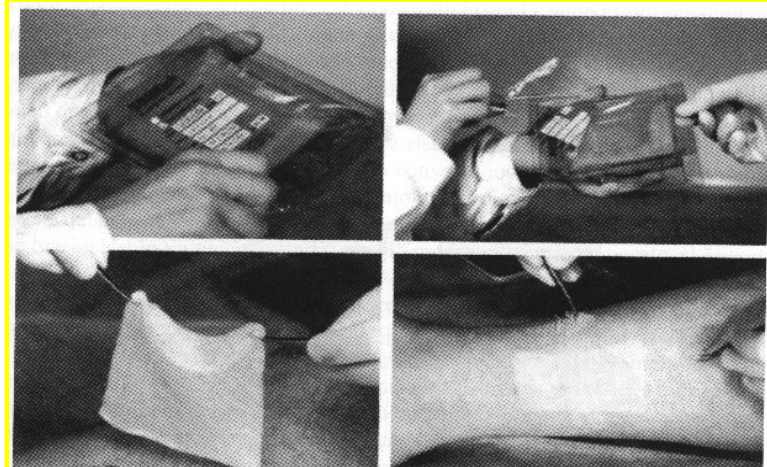
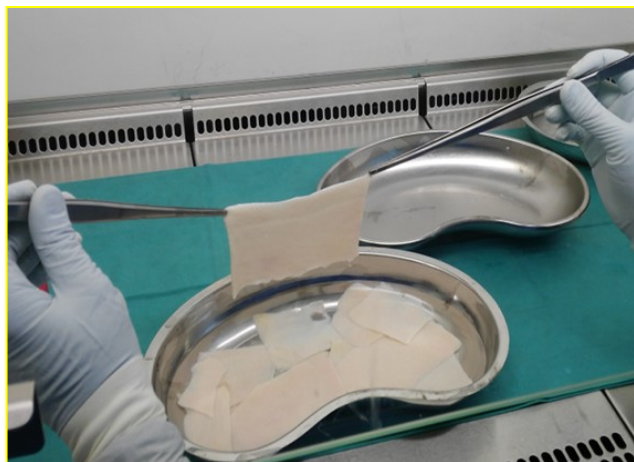
Ear-shaped construct implanted in mouse (12w)

University of Boston, USA, 2013

Strategies For Tissue and Organ Engineering



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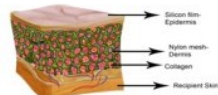


Tissue engineered skin substitutes

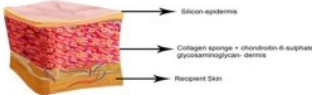
(a) Acellular
i. Alloderm®



ii. Biobrane®



iii. Integra® DRT



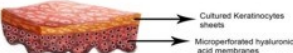
(b) Epidermal Autologous
i. Cell Spray



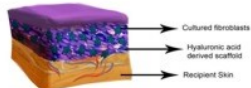
ii. Epicel



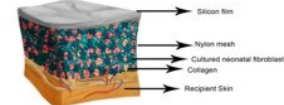
iii. Laserskin



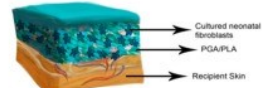
(c) Dermal Autologous
i. Hyalograft 3D



(d) Dermal Allogenic
i. TransCyte



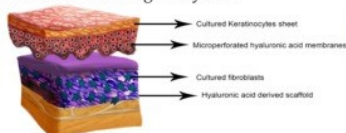
ii. Dermagraft



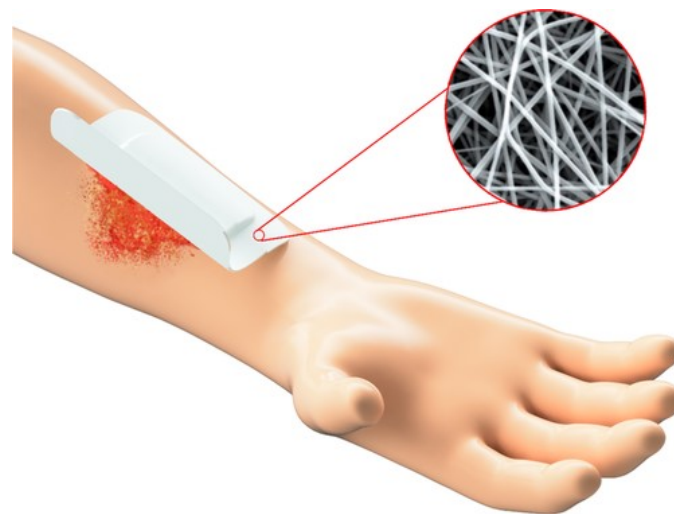
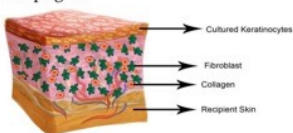
(e) Xenogenic Dermal
i. Permacol



(f) Epidermal/ Dermal (Composite)
Autologous
i. Tissue tech autograft system



(g) Epidermal/ Dermal (Composite)
Allograft
i. Apligraf



Keirouz A, Chung M, Kwon J, Fortunato G, Radacsi N. 2D and 3D electrospinning technologies for the fabrication of nanofibrous scaffolds for skin tissue engineering. Rev Nanomed Nanobiotechnol. 2020 Mar 12

TE of bladder

Engineering tissues, organs and cells

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Engineering tissues, organs and cells

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Abstract

Patients suffering from diseased and injured organs may be treated with transplanted organs; however, there is a severe shortage of donor organs that is worsening yearly, given the ageing population. In the field of regenerative medicine and tissue engineering, scientists apply the principles of cell transplantation, materials science and bioengineering to construct biological substitutes that will restore and maintain normal function in diseased and injured tissues. Therapeutic cloning, where the nucleus from a donor cell is transferred into an enucleated oocyte in order to extract pluripotent embryonic stem cells, offers a potentially limitless source of cells for tissue engineering applications. The stem cell field is also advancing rapidly, opening new options for therapy, including the use of amniotic and placental fetal stem cells. This review covers recent advances that have occurred in regenerative medicine and describes applications of these technologies using chemical compounds that may offer novel therapies for patients with end-stage organ failure. Copyright © 2007 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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1. Introduction

Tissue engineering, a major component of regenerative medicine, follows the principles of cell transplantation, materials science and engineering to develop biological substitutes that can restore and maintain normal function. Tissue engineering strategies generally fall into two categories: the use of acellular matrices, depending on the body's natural ability to regenerate for proper orientation and direction of new tissue growth, and the use of matrices with cells. Acellular tissue matrices can be prepared by manufacturing artificial scaffolds or by removing cellular components from tissues by mechanical and chemical manipulation to produce collagen-rich matrices (Chen *et al.*, 1999; Dahms *et al.*, 1998; Yoo *et al.*, 1998). These matrices slowly degrade on implantation and are generally replaced by the extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins secreted by the ingrowing cells. Cells can also be used for therapy via injection, either with carriers, such as hydrogels, or alone. Tissue

engineering, stem cells and cloning are three areas technology encompassed by the field of regenerative medicine.

When cells are used for tissue engineering, a small piece of donor tissue is dissociated into individual cells. These cells are either implanted directly into the host or are expanded in culture, attached to a support matrix and then reimplanted into the host after expansion. The source of donor tissue can be heterologous (such as bovine), allogeneic (same species, different individual) or autologous (from the host). Ideally, both structural and functional tissue replacement will occur with minimal complications. The preferred cells to use are autologous cells, where a biopsy of tissue is obtained, the cells are dissociated and expanded in culture and the expanded cells are implanted into the same host (Atala *et al.*, 1999, 1999; Atala and Lanza, 2001; Fauza *et al.*, 1998; Godt and Atala, 2002; Machluf and Atala, 1998; Oberpenning *et al.*, 1999; Yoo and Atala, 1997; Yoo *et al.*, 1998, 1999). Although it could cause an inflammatory response, the use of autologous cells avoids rejection and the deleterious side effects of immunosuppressive medications can be avoided.

Current strategies for tissue engineering primarily depend upon a sample of autologous cells from the

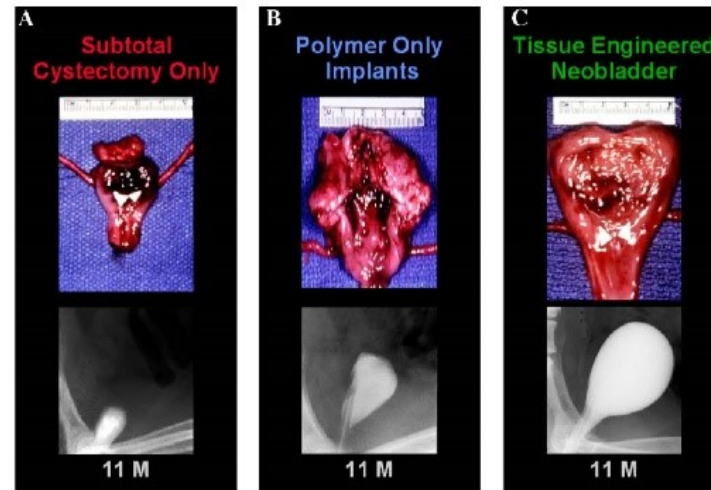


Figure 4. Comparison of tissue-engineered neo-bladders in dogs. Gross specimens and cystograms at 11 months of (A) cystectomy only, (B) non-seeded controls and (C) cell-seeded tissue-engineered bladder replacements. The cell-seeded tissue-engineered bladder replacements achieved an average bladder capacity of 95% of the original precystectomy volume, and the compliance showed almost no difference from preoperative values. The others showed considerable loss of capacity and compliance

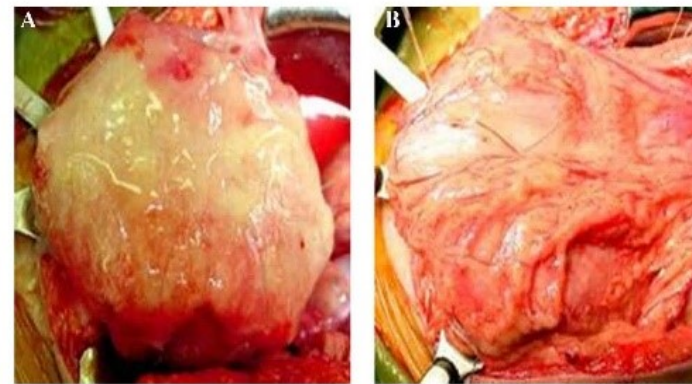


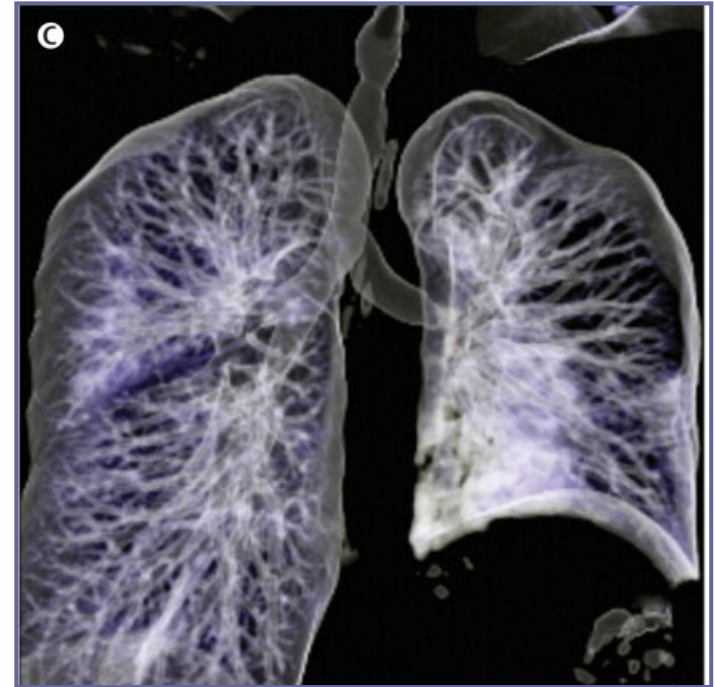
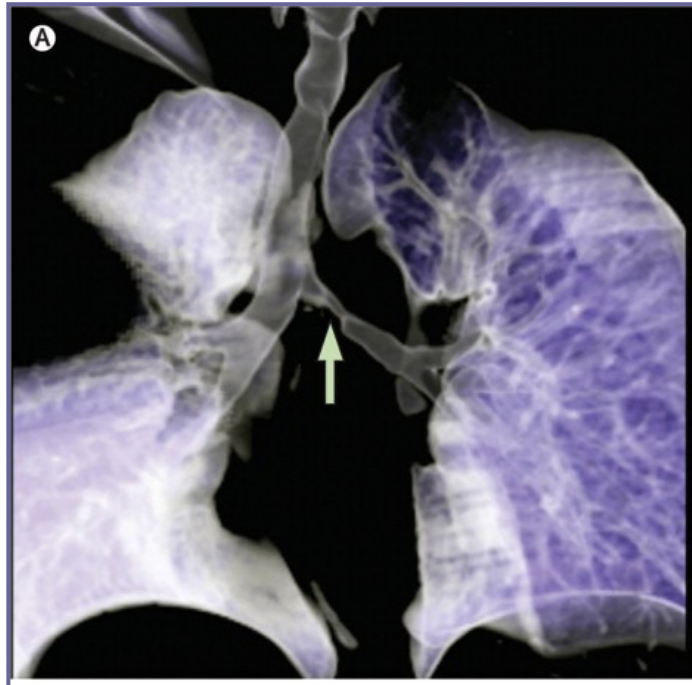
Figure 5. Construction of engineered bladder. (A) Engineered bladder anastomosed to native bladder with running 4-0 polyglycolic sutures. (B) Implant covered with fibrin glue and omentum

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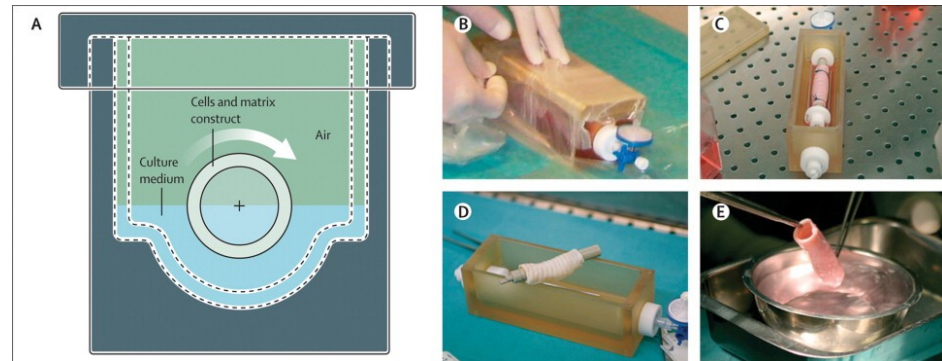
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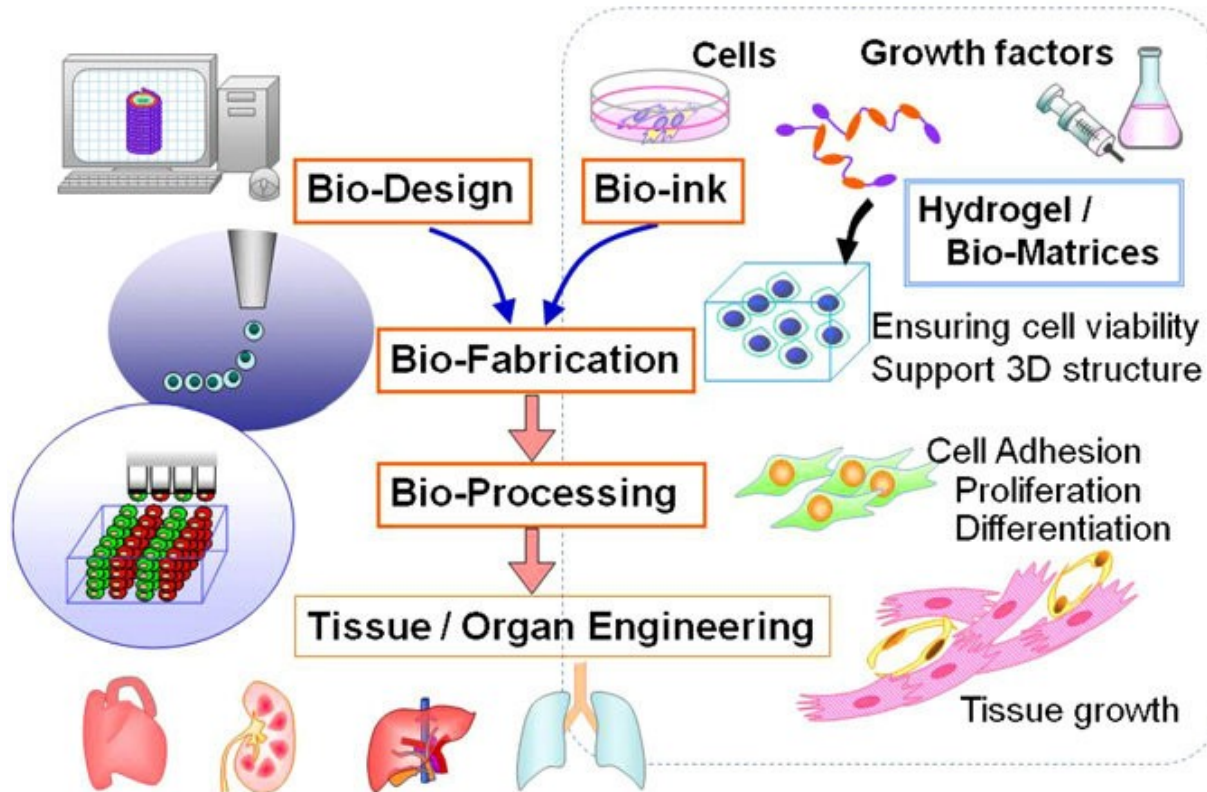


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Nanotechnology and Microfluidics in Tissue Engineering

- Advances in fabrication technologies have brought a new dimension to the field of tissue engineering.
- Fabricate tissue engineering scaffolds with complex 3-D architectures and customized chemistries that mimic the in vivo tissue environment.

3D BIOPRINTING



EXPERIMENTAL MODELS *in vitro*

Potential of Regenerative Medicine

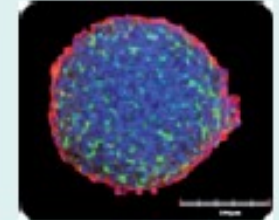
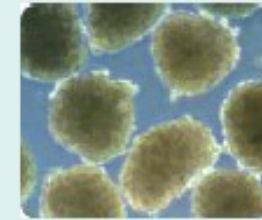
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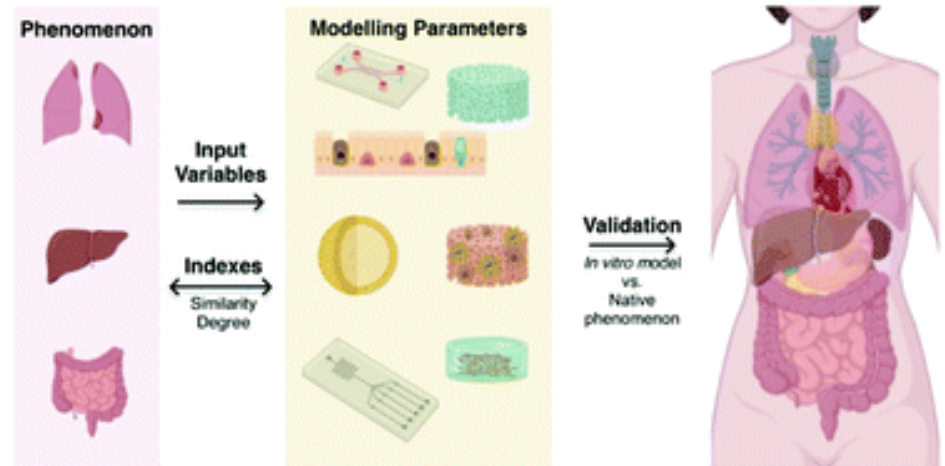
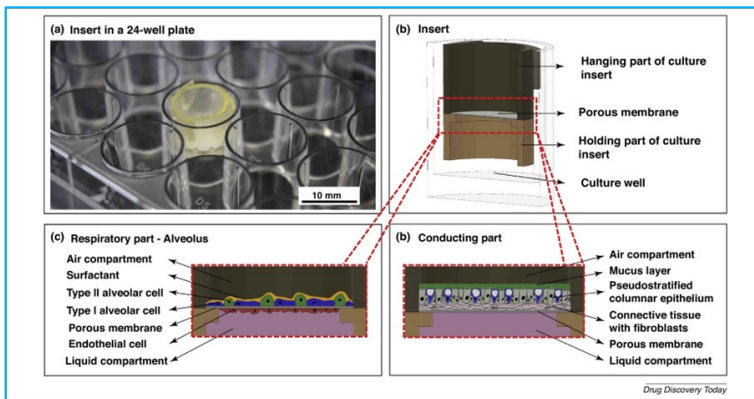
[Geraldine Hamilton, Body parts on a chip, TEDx Boston, June 2013: <https://youtu.be/CpkXmtJOH84>]

- Reduces Need for Animal Testing
- 3-D Printed Organs on Chips Used to Test Vaccines

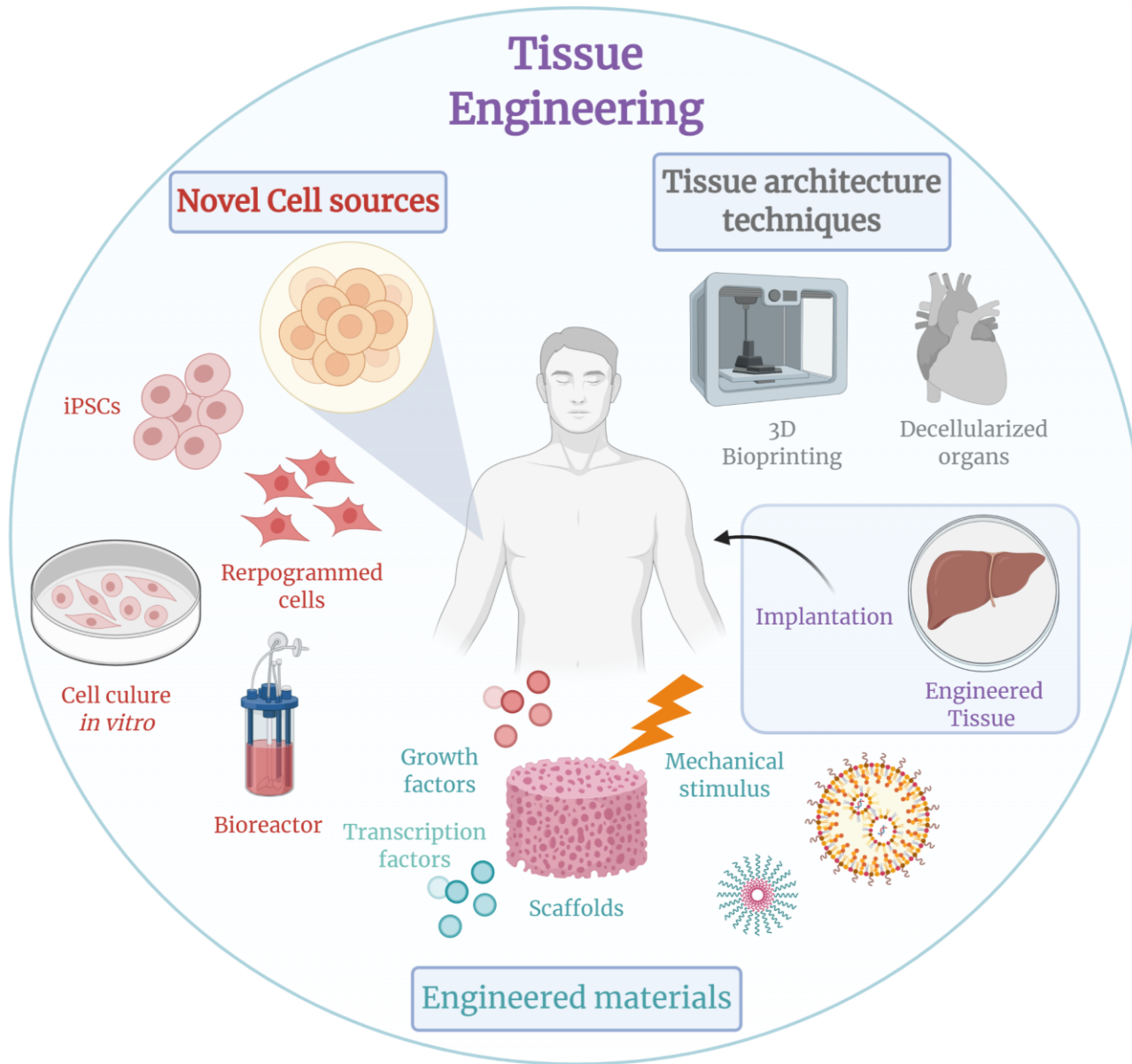
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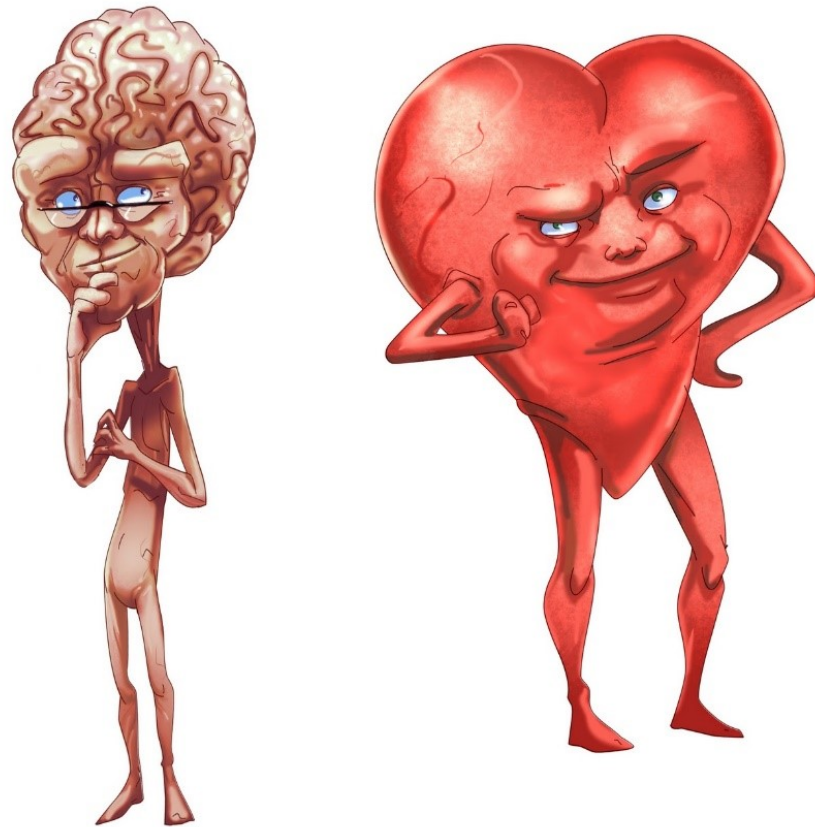
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Major challenges



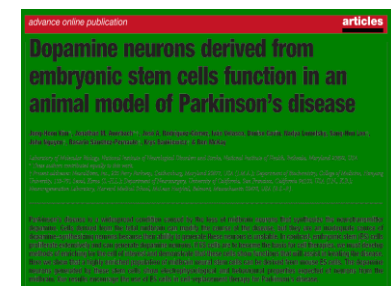
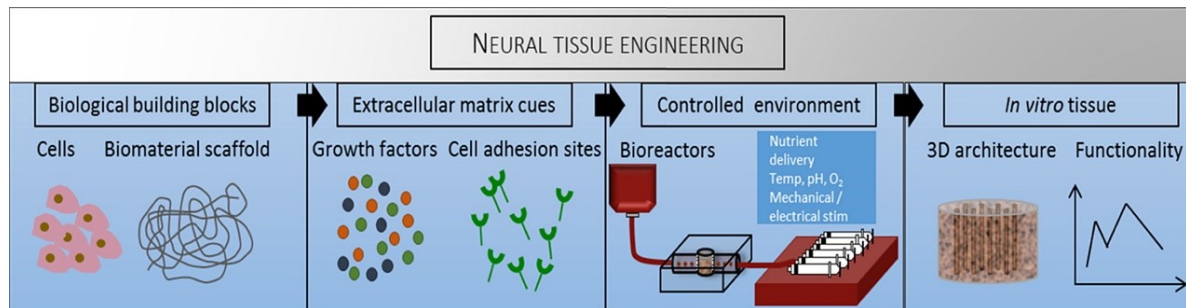
Parkinson's disease

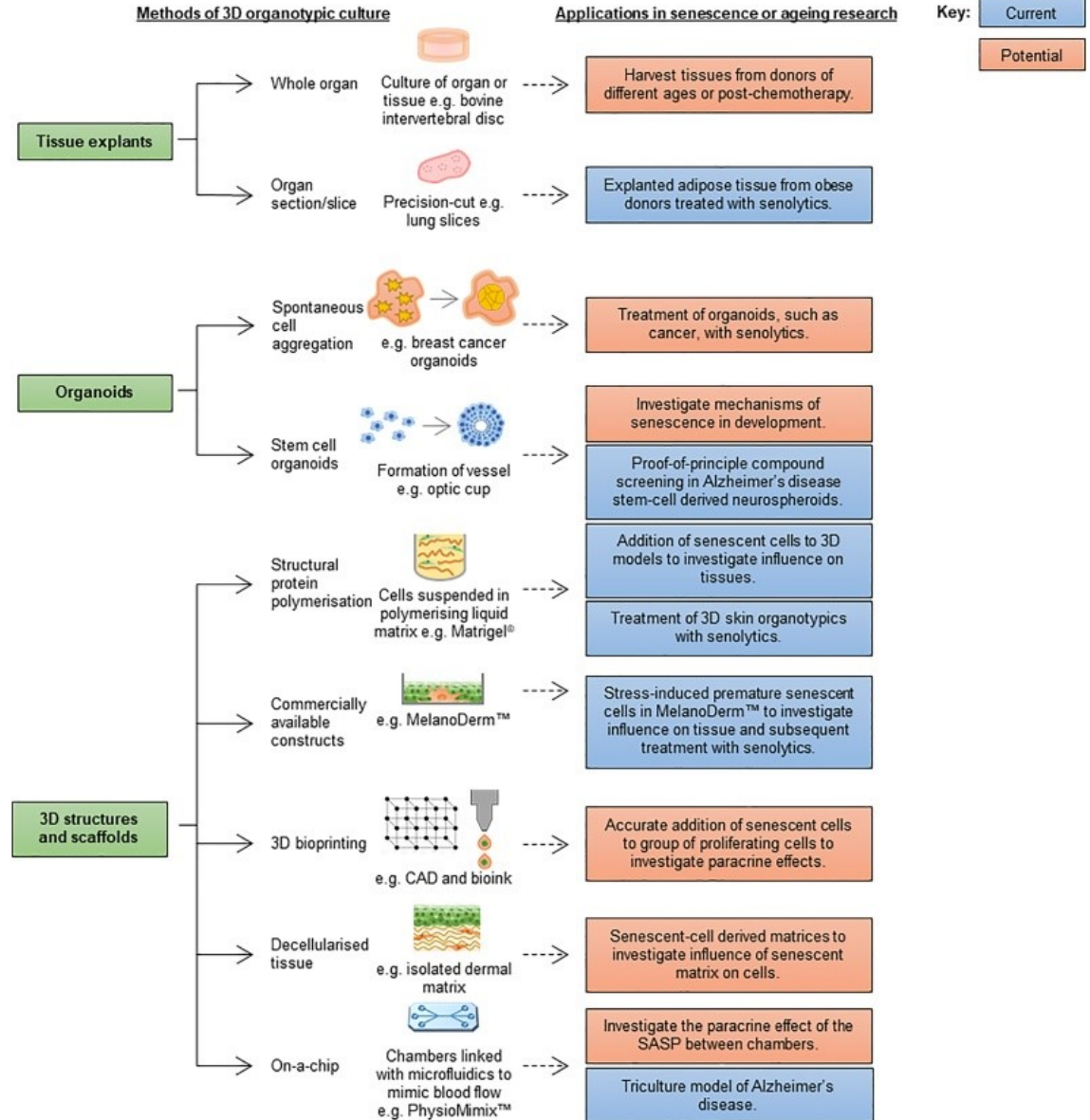
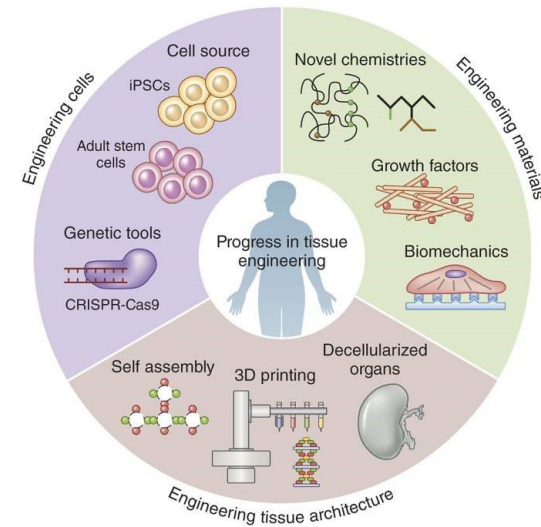
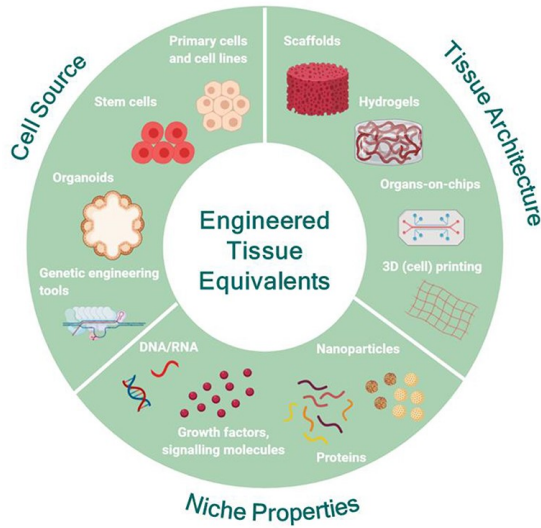
- first noted by James Parkinson, 200 years ago, in London
- progressive movement disorder
- onset in middle to late life
- 1% of population, 65 years & older
- **“pill-rolling” slow movements, particularly when starting, short, rapid steps;**
- **no intellectual impairments**

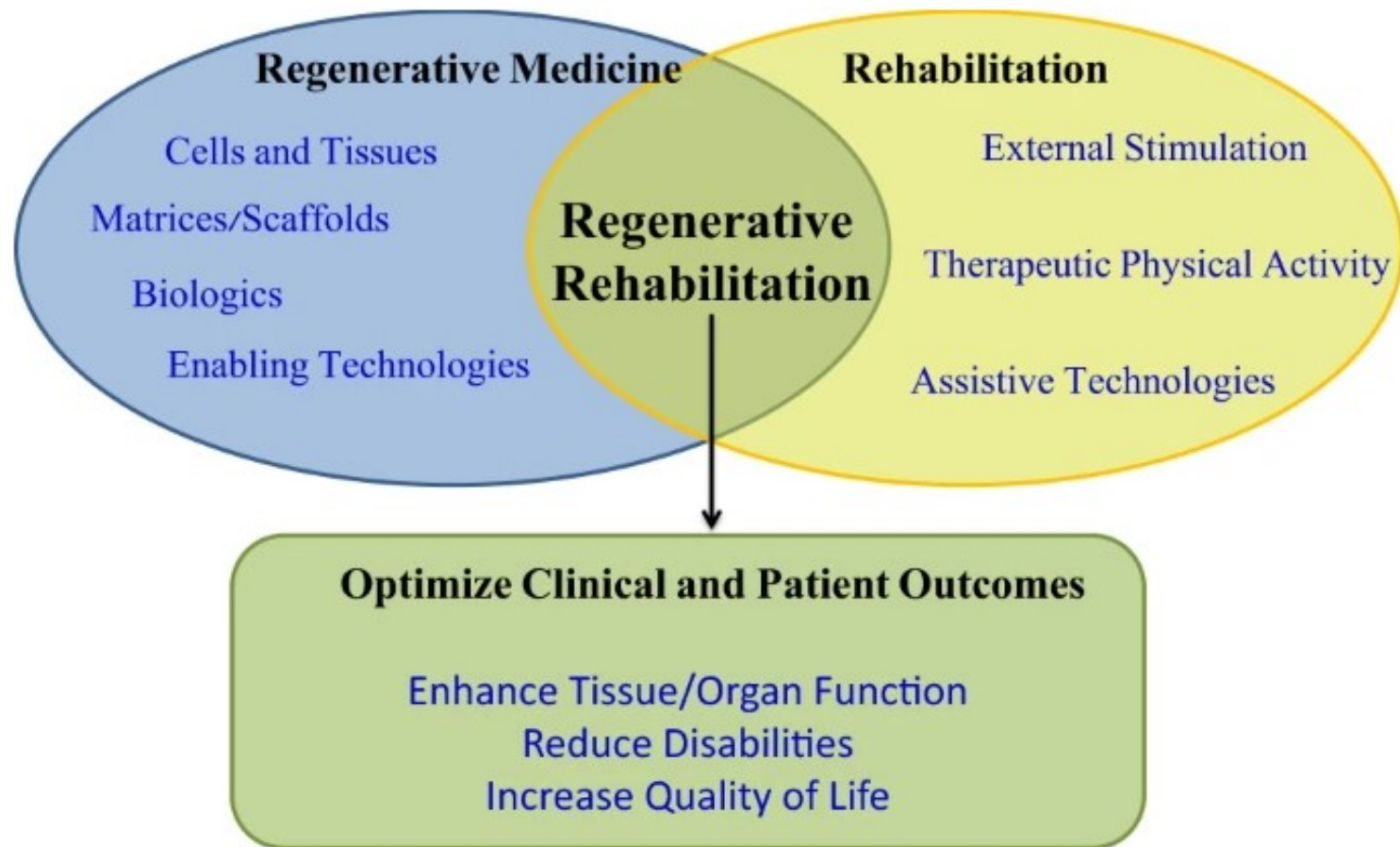
Michael J. Fox born 1961



diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease in 1991



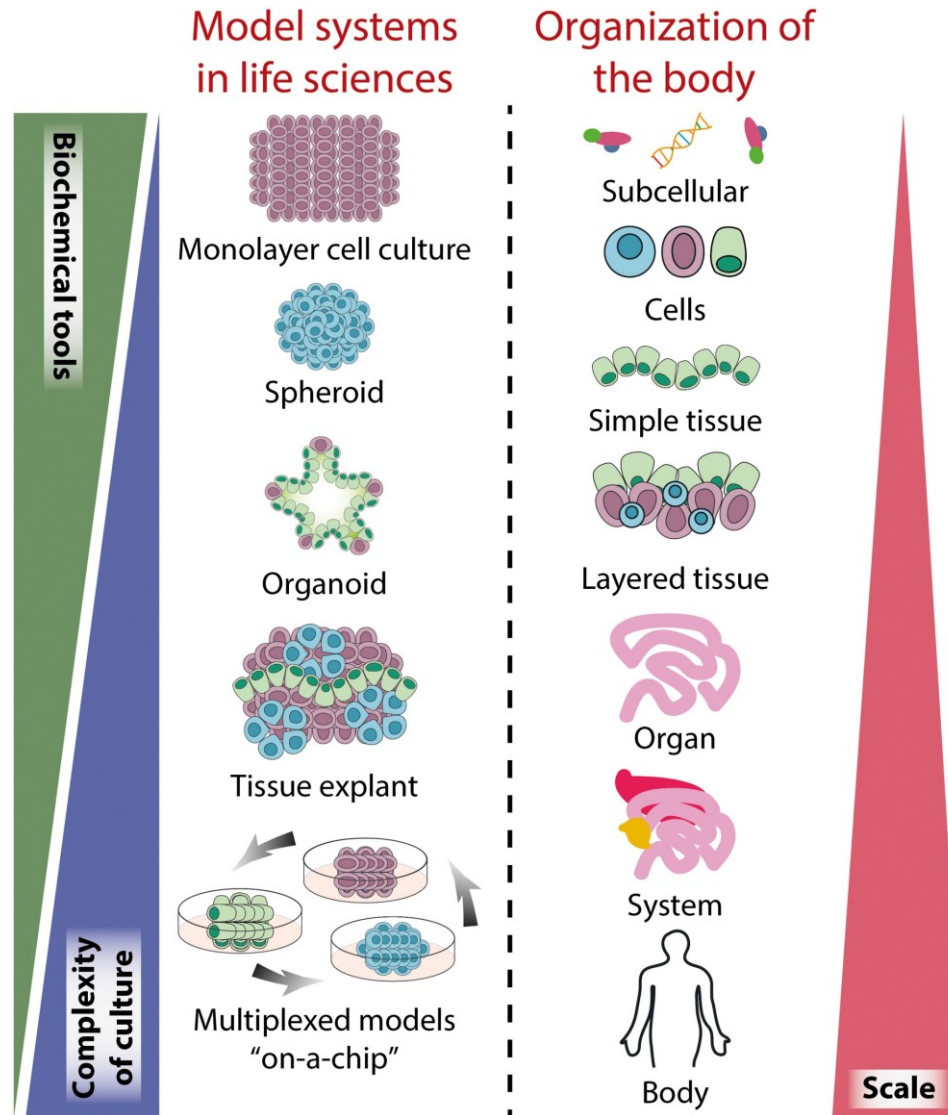




The goals of the regenerative rehabilitation approach are to synergize regenerative medicine

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Model Systems in the Life Sciences

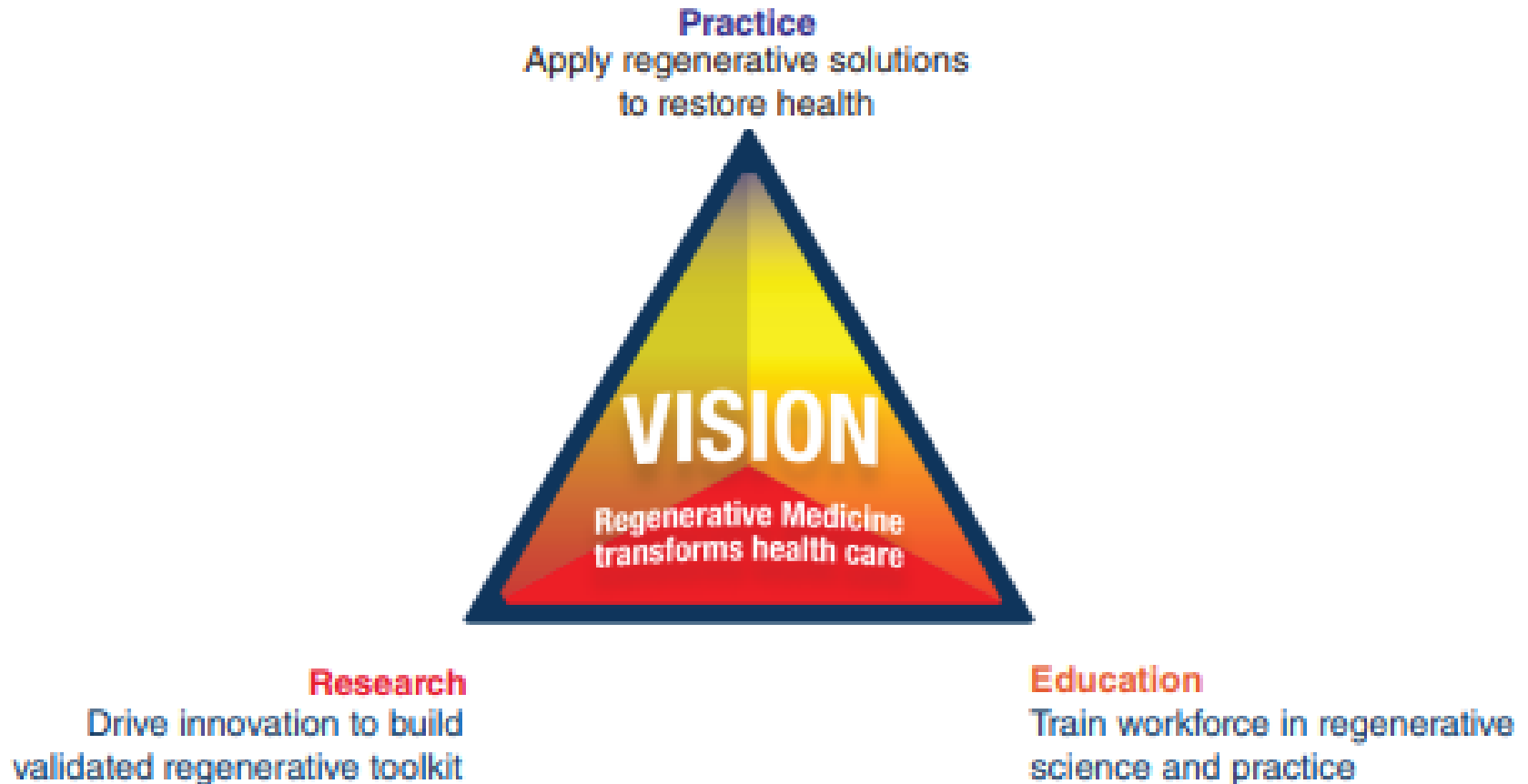


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Take home messages...

Regenerative Medicine Perspectives



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MAJOR CHALLENGES TO BE SOLVED IN FUTURE:

- **Vascularization and innervation of artificial constructs;**
- **Cell culture without component derived from animal and pathogen free**
- **Avoid graft after innest**
- **Engineering organs with different cell types;**
- **Construction of validated bioreactors to avoid animal testing;**
- **Conducting appropriate pre-clinical and clinical trials following the principles indicated above in order to make TERM approach the gold standard treatment for every disease.**

“Imagine a world where transplant patients do not wait for a donor or a world where burn victims leave the hospital without disfiguring scars. Imagine implant materials that can “grow”, reshape themselves, or change their function as the body requires”

-Professor M.V. Sefton

(Before and After Tissue Engineering) What the Future will look like

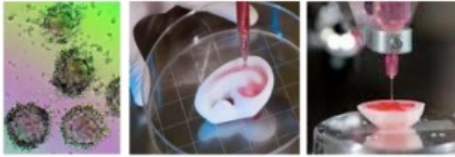
Before: Victims of burns and severe injuries have permanent scars and disfigurement. People with organ defects, for example heart defects have to wait until someone dies and can provide a heart transplant. This can take years and years and there is a chance that their body could reject the transplant. People with these defects may have to go through numerous surgeries even before having a transplant which can cost them a lot of money. Many lives are lost while waiting for an organ donor and from rejection of the transplant. Tons of money is spent for research on tissue engineering and researchers are continuing to find a way to create more complex organs. Tissues and organs, illnesses are hard to treat.

After: People will not have to wait long periods of time before their organ or tissue transplants because they will not need to rely on organs from others. They will not have to worry about their body rejecting their new organ because it will be created using their own tissue cells. Patients will only have to undergo one surgery. Their organ or tissue will have a permanent function. Many lives will be saved and improved by this technology. Burned victims will be easily treated and their skin able to recover. Bones, cartilage you name it can all improved. Common problems like arthritis will all be treated. Researchers will be able to continue their research from these discoveries and perhaps discover more. People will be able to buy lab created organs and tissues.



Futuristic!

Stem Cells + Organ Scaffold + 3D Printer



= Libraries of Replacement Organs?

*The elixir of life may
still be evading us
but the human
“spare parts
industry” is waiting
in the wings to
sustain man’s desire
for eternity.*





*“THE BEST WAY TO BE
BORING IS TO LEAVE
NOTHING OUT”*

Voltaire