BIOMATERIALS-TISSUE INTERACTIONS
Introduction

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Course Characteristics

• Codification of the behavior of cells in the context of their interaction with biomaterials
  – “Unit Cell Processes”

• Emphasis on wound healing

• Emphasis on the molecular and cellular interaction with materials
BIOMATERIALS-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

• **Tissue** is a biological structure made up of cells of the same type.
  
  – Cells of the same phenotype (i.e., same genes expressed).
  
  – An aggregation of morphologically similar cells and associated extracellular matrix acting together to perform one or more specific functions in the body.
  
  – There are four basic types of tissue: muscle, nerve, epithelia, and connective.
  
  – An **organ** is a structure made up of 2 or more tissues.
Articular Cartilage

Extracellular Matrix

Cell

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Permanent versus Absorbable Biomaterials

- Roles of permanent biomaterials for the production of permanent implants versus the roles as absorbable scaffolds for tissue engineering
1920-50 Era of stainless steel — Fixation of tissue
1950- Introduction of cobalt chromium alloy and silicone
1960- Introduction of polymethyl methacrylate and polyethylene
1970- Titanium alloy
1980- Porous metals; hydroxyapatite
2000 Porous, absorbable materials for tissue engineering
2010 Biomaterials for gene therapy

Replacement of tissue
Regeneration of tissue
Biomaterial used for Tissue Regeneration

Cell-Seeded Scaffold

Scaffold Alone

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Effects of Biomaterials on Tissue

• In Bulk Form (Nonporous or Porous)
  – Accommodates tissue attachment
  – Promotes tissue formation
  – Affects tissue remodeling (degradation followed by formation); e.g., by altering the mechanical environment

• In Particle (Molecular) Form
  – Tissue degradation
BIOMATERIALS-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

Effects of Biomaterials on Cells

• In Bulk Form
  – Cell attachment
  – Cell proliferation (mitosis)
  – Production of matrix molecules and enzymes (synthesis)
  – Migration
  – Contraction
  – Release of pre-packaged reactive molecules (exocytosis)

• In Particle (Molecular) Form
  – Ingestion of particles (endocytosis)
BIOMATERIALS-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

Permanent Biomaterials

• Favorable Response
  – Tissue attachment

• Adverse Responses
  – Contraction
  – Reaction to particles; tissue destruction

• Passive Response
Total Hip and Knee Replacement Prostheses

Acetabular component with porous surface

Femoral component is secured in femoral canal by ingrowth of bone through this porous area

Microscopic view of the porous surface created by titanium wires bonded to titanium substrate.

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Plasma-Sprayed Hydroxyapatite Coating
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Breast Implant Position and “Capsular Contraction”

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Contracted Fibrous Tissue Capsule
FDA has developed this website for displaying photographs and/or illustrations of breast implant complications. This website is not intended to be photographic representation of all breast implant complications. FDA will continue to add photographs and/or illustrations of complications associated with saline-filled and silicone gel-filled implants as they become available.

You should refer to the breast implant consumer handbook, which is available on the FDA breast implant website at http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/breastimplants/ for a description of potential breast implant complications.
Capsular contracture occurs when the scar tissue or capsule that normally forms around the implant tightens and squeezes the implant. It may be more common following infection, hematoma (collection of blood), and seroma (collection of watery portion of blood). There are four grades of capsular contracture. The Baker grading is as follows:

I  the breast is normally soft and looks natural
II  the breast is a little firm but looks normal
III  the breast is firm and looks abnormal (visible distortion
IV  the breast is hard, painful, and looks abnormal (greater distortion)

Additional surgery may be needed to correct the capsular contracture. This surgery ranges from removal of the implant capsule tissue to removal (and possibly replacement) of the implant itself. Capsular contracture may happen again after this additional surgery.
Photograph shows Grade IV capsular contracture in the right breast of a 29-year-old woman seven years after subglandular (on top of the muscle and under the breast glands) placement of 560cc silicone gel-filled breast implants.

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Capsular contraction
BREAST IMPLANTS Capsular Contracture

Removed implant: viewing the outside of the fibrous capsule

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What is Capsular Contracture?
Scar tissue that forms around the implant which causes the breasts to harden (similar to what a contracted muscle feels like) as the naturally forming scar tissue around the implant tightens and squeezes it. While capsular contracture is an unpredictable complication, it is also the most common complication of breast augmentation.

How can Capsular Contracture be prevented?
Textured implants help deter contracture because of their rough surface which is intended to discourage a hard capsule from forming.
Under the muscle (sub-pectoral or 'partial sub-muscular') placement of the implant reduces risk of capsular contracture by an average of 8 - 10%. Whereas over the muscle (in front of the muscle or 'sub-mammary') has 10 - 25% or more chance of capsule contracture.
Myofibroblasts, and the regulatory protein TGF-β, were found in the contracted capsules around silicone breast implants but not in non-contracted capsules. Mature skin scar tissue did not contain TGF-β or myofibroblasts.

Figure 3. SMA-FP inhibits the tension exerted by LFs on silicone substrates. (A) Untreated LFs produce wrinkles on deformable silicone substrates during 60 min recording. (B) Wrinkles decrease in number already 15 min after treatment with SMA-FP and completely disappear after 30 min (C). (D) 10 min after removal of the SMA-FP by repeated washing, LFs contract again followed by gradual wrinkle reformation after 30 (E) and 60 min (F). Bar, 50 µm. Also see the video available at http://www.jcb.org/cgi/content/full/jcb.200201049/DC1.
α-smooth muscle actin-fusion peptide (SMA-FP) inhibits the tension exerted by lung fibroblasts on silicone substrates. After washing out of the FP, cells contract again.

Video: See http://jcb.rupress.org/content/suppl/2002/05/03/jcb.200201049.DC1/1.html
The NH$_2$-terminal peptide of α-smooth muscle actin inhibits force generation by the myofibroblast in vitro and in vivo

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Figure 4. SMA-FP inhibits LF-mediated contraction of collagen lattices. Attached collagen lattices were treated with FPs for 30 min and released; their diameter, measured after another 30 min, was normalized to the diameter before release (equals % contraction). Compared with untreated control lattices, (ct) SKA-FP (SK) has no effect on lattice contraction, whereas SMA-FP (SM) reduces contraction dose dependently; washing out SMA-FP before release (W) reverses this effect. *p ≤ 0.01 and **p ≤ 0.001 compared with control.
Figure 8. SMA-FP reduces in vivo wound contraction. (A) A representative full thickness wound on the rat dorsal region was subjected to mechanical tension by splinting; the frame was left in place for 10 d. The scab was removed 8 d after wounding, and wound tissue was treated with FPs in carrier gel or with carrier gel only. Treatment was repeated on the ninth and tenth day after wounding. (B) 24 h after splint removal, the wound treated with SKA-FP exhibits an important surface reduction comparable to that of untreated controls. (C) The wound treated with SMA-FP exhibits a significantly less important reduction. (D) Wound area was measured 6 and 24 h after splint removal and normalized to the initial wound area. Mean values were calculated using 20 animals per experimental condition. ct, carrier gel only; SK, SKA-FP; SM, SMA-FP. **p ≤ 0.001 compared with control.
Formation and Function of the Myofibroblast during Tissue Repair

Boris Hinz

Figure 1, regulation of α-SMA transcription in myofibroblasts.

http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1038/sj.jid.5700613
How can Capsular Contracture be prevented?

Massage and or compression. This is usually only done with smooth implants and may be suggested for a period between a few weeks to as long as you have your implants. Do not massage bruises!

The "no-touch" technique. This method includes meticulously rewashing surgical gloves before handling any instrument and implants. Only the head surgeon touches the implant, using a unique Teflon cutting board and immediately inserting the implant underneath the muscle. All of these measures help ensure that no foreign substance attach themselves to the implant, which could inflame the surrounding tissue and cause complications such as capsular contracture.
Burn patient has closed severe skin wounds in neck partly by contraction and partly by scar formation.

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Full-thickness skin wound (guinea pig) grafted with keratinocytes (KC) seeded in an active or inactive scaffold

Collagen-GAG Regeneration Templates

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α-Smooth Muscle Actin-Containing Fibroblasts
Myofibroblasts (day 10)

IV Yannas, et al.
Mouse Tibia (Closed) Fracture Model

B. Kinner, et al., Bone 2002;30:738

3 weeks post-fracture
Mouse Tibia (Closed) Fracture Model

SMA immunohistochemistry

3 weeks post-fracture

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Histologic Changes in the Human ACL after Rupture

A. Inflammation

B. Epiligamentous Regeneration

C. Proliferation

D. Remodeling

Evidence supporting the hypothesis that SMA-enabled contraction is responsible for retraction of the ruptured ends.

Crimped morphology of SMA-containing (red) cells consistent with contraction. Imparting crimp to matrix?

Ruptured Human Rotator Cuff

Is SMA-enabled contraction responsible for retraction of the ruptured ends?

Neg. Control

J. Premdas, et al.
JOR, 2001;19:221-228

Image: Gray’s Anatomy

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Tissue was resected during revision of symptomatic, non-cemented, glenoid components of Kirschner-IIc total shoulder arthroplasty
• Scar-like fibrous tissue around a loose shoulder prosthesis.
• Many of the fibroblasts contain \(\alpha\)-smooth muscle actin (red) indicating that they are myofibroblasts.

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“Small Particle Disease”
Particles Released From Implants

Polyethylene particles from wear on the plastic hip socket infiltrate the space between the thigh bone interior and the metal implant.

Macrophage cells consume the smallest polyethylene particles, and generate an inflammatory response that weakens the bone surrounding the implant.

Research suggests "particle disease" is a major cause of premature artificial joint failure due to loosening.

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- Image of jaw implant.

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EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF BIOMATERIALS FOR TREATING SPINE PROBLEMS

• Treating a collapsed vertebra: Kyphoplasty
  – Use of self-curing polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) for restoring vertebral height

• Spine fusion: Posterior approach with laminectomy

• Treating a degenerative intervertebral disc: Anterior lumbar interbody fusion (ALIF)

• ALIF with a bone growth factor: “Hybrid” approach employing regenerative medicine and permanent replace approaches

• Prosthesis to replace the bone-disc-bone “joint”: spinal arthroplasty
Images of INFUSE® Bone Graft (recombinant human bone morphogenetic protein (rhBMP-2) in an absorbable collagen sponge) removed due to copyright restrictions.
BIOMATERIAL-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

• With what tissue is the biomaterial interacting? How do the structure and functions of the tissues differ? (Unit Cell Processes)
  – Connective Tissue
  – Epithelia
  – Muscle
  – Nerve

• What is the normal process of healing?
WOUND HEALING
Roots of Tissue Engineering

Injury

Inflammation
(Vascularized tissue)

Reparative Process

Regeneration*
CT: bone
Ep: epidermis
Muscle: smooth

*spontaneous

Repair (Scar)
CT: cartilage
Nerve
Muscle: cardiac, skel.

4 Tissue Categories
Connective Tissue
Epithelium
Nerve
Muscle
BIOMATERIALS-TISSUE INTERACTIONS

**BIOMATERIAL**
- Strength
- Modulus of Elasticity
- Fracture mechanics
- Wear
- Metal corrosion
- Polymer degradation

**TISSUE**
- Protein Adsorption
- Cell Response
- Ion Release
- ECM proteins
- Cytokines
- Eicosanoids
- Enzymes

**Size Scale**
- 10 nm
- 100 nm
- 1 μm
- 10 μm
- 100 μm
- 1 mm

**Time Scale**
- 1 sec
- 1 day
- 10 days
- 100 days

**BONE**

Cell-cell interactions

Remodeling

ECM proteins

Wear

Metal corrosion

Polymer degradation

Strength

Modulus of Elasticity

Fracture mechanics

Particle sizes

Time durations