

Translational Research in Tissue Engineering

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TISSUE ENGINEERING



Background

- Osteoarthritis (OA) of the knee is one of the top five causes of disability in the US
- It is commonly encountered in the clinical setting
- About 12% of Americans >60 years experience symptomatic knee OA
- The number of persons >65 expected to increase from about 35 million in 2000 to an estimated 71 million in 2030



The impact of cartilage injuries on society cannot be underestimated!

- Diminishes patient's quality of life
- A high cost in healthcare resources expenses overpass 89 billion dollars per year
- >30 000 arthroscopies: 60 66% patients have cartilage lesions
 - Patients in their 30s & 40s
- Damaged cartilage doesn't heal





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3D tissue formation















REGENERATED CARTILAGE







Bioreactor-based, clinically oriented manufacturing of engineered tissues BIO-COMET (FP7)

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BIOengineered grafts for Cartilage Healing In Patients (Horizon 2020)

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