



# Biomaterials in Bone Tissue Engineering



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## Musculoskeletal Conditions are Worsening!!!



- 1 out of 7 Americans have musculoskeletal impairments.
  36.9 million Americans incur injuries every year.
- 1 out of 2 women and 1 out of 4 men over 50 suffer an osteoporosis-related fracture
- **\$300** billion every year

Data from AAOS, NIH, NOF and http://www.usbjd.org



## **Bone Tissue Engineering**



- Scaffolds gradually degraded and eventually eliminated Patient-derived bone cells onto a macroporous manmade scaffolds to create completely natural new tissues
- Common cells: osteoblast, mesenchymal stem cells

### **Criteria for Scaffold Materials**

- Excellent mechanical strength
  - Cancerous bone (compressive stress 0.5-10 MPa)
- Three dimensional (3D) interconnected macroporous microstructures
- Controllable biodegradation and bioresorption
- Suitable surface chemistry
- Malleable
- Good biocompatibility and biofunctionality













## Mechanisms for Increased Toughness

#### Wavy fracture surface - Area of crack surface

is increased

#### Clinching at crack tip

 Clinching reduces the applied stress intensity factor



10 µm











# In vivo Ectopic Animal Model



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### In vivo Orthotopic Animal Model: Cranial defects



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