Outline

Fixed Prosthodontics and Oral Implantology is at the forefront of developing materials for computerized fabrication of restorations. Our faculty have developed new concepts and techniques for analyzing the interaction between biomaterials and cells at the molecular and genetic levels. We have strategically positioned ourselves to create, analyze, and test novel implant materials for tissue replacement and prosthetic therapy. Integrated graduate programs are available for qualified students to combine their clinical specialty certificate programs with tissue engineering and biomaterials research.

Faculty members

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Main research in progress

1) Bone repair by using Electromagnetic field, Low-intensity pulsed ultrasound and Noninvasive capacitively coupled electric fields
2) Surface modification of implant materials
3) Bone-inducing factor delivery for Tissue Engineering
4) Application of glass fiber reinforced polymer materials and ceramic materials for dental restoration
5) Development of antimicrobial dental cements
6) The influence of the implant positioning and superstructure design on stress distribution around the implant using three-dimensional finite element analysis

Current publications