

# ATMPs in clinical practice, a clinical perspective in cartilage healing

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## Imaging

### Clinic/ Medicine



### Engineering



## Biomaterials

Clinical  
problem

1.

Infection prevention & treatment  
AntiMicrobial Resistance (AMR)



Clinical  
problem

2.

Large bone defects



Clinical  
problem

3.

Spinal deformity



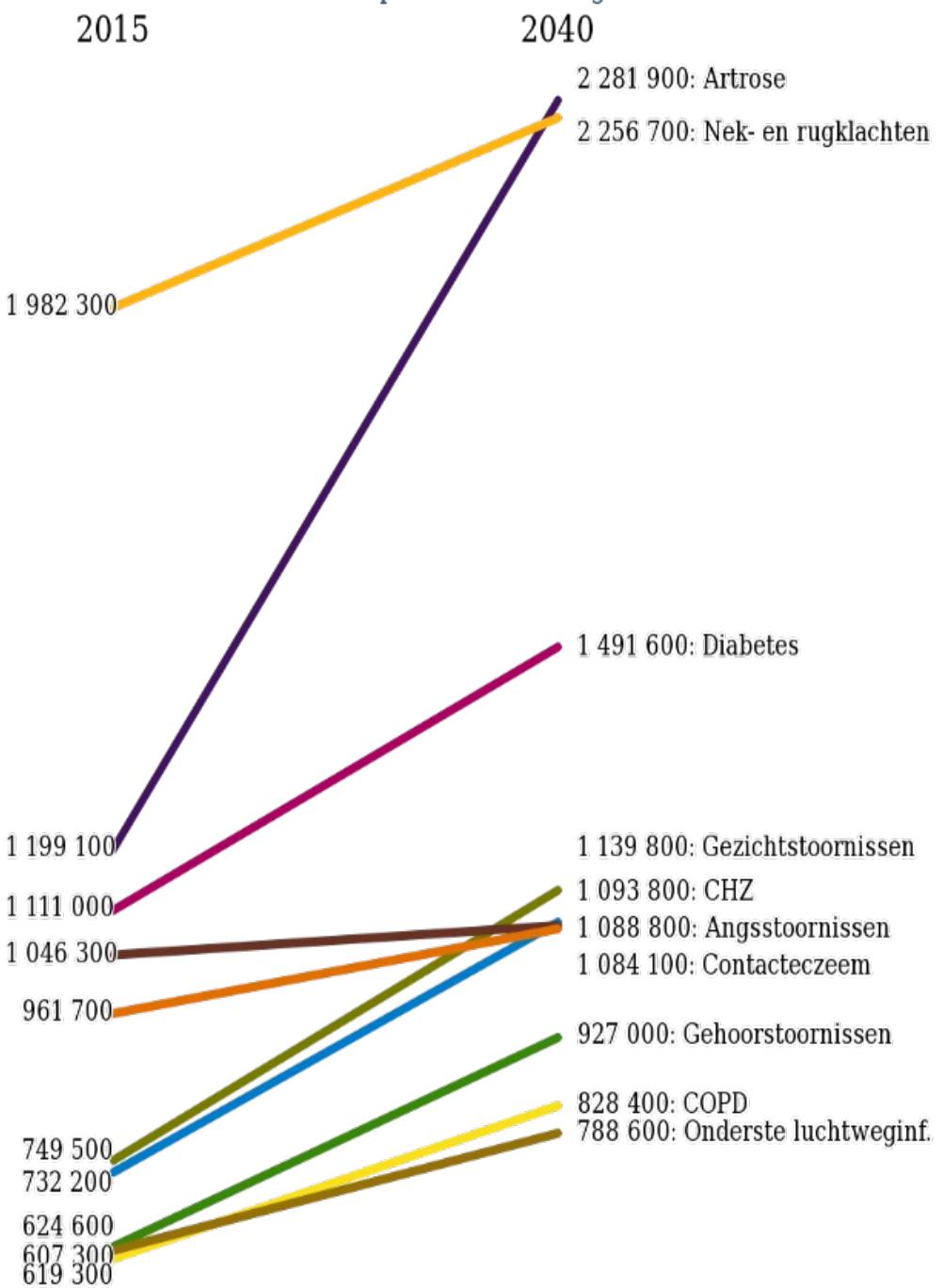
## Niet inflammatoire degeneration gewricht

- **Sclerose weefsels (verharding weefsels)**
- **Vernauwing gewrichtsspleetNarrowing joint line**
- **Subchondrale cystes**
- **Osteophyt yt (bot uitsteeksels)**



# Artrose

## Burden of disease



## Niet inflammatoire degeneratie gewricht

- \* deformatie bot structuur
- \* atrofie mucus membraan en kraakbeen

## Symptoms

- \* pijn
- \* stijfheid
- \* gelimiteerde functie
- \* afwijkend looppatroon

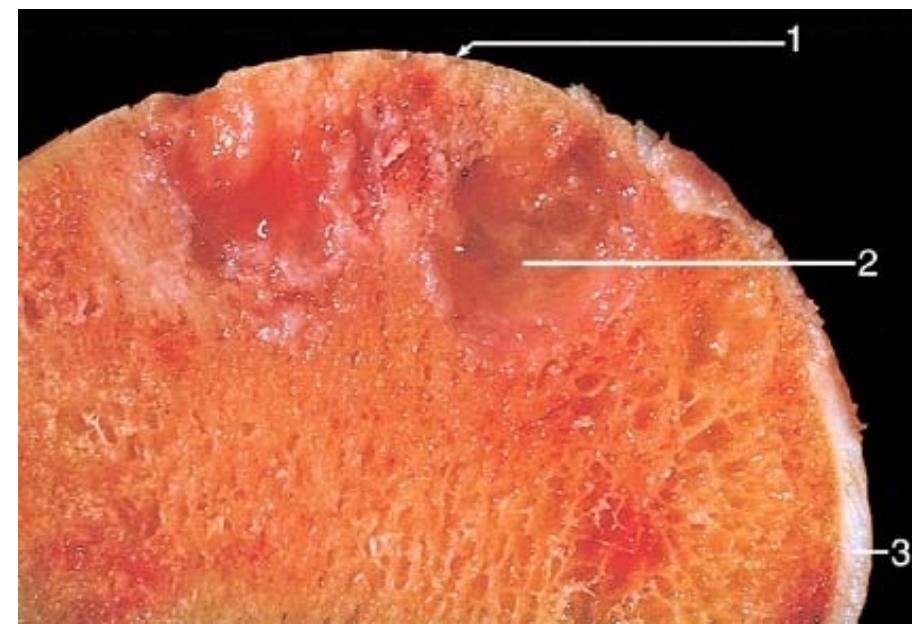
## Diagnose

- \* Rx, MRI, CT, bot scan

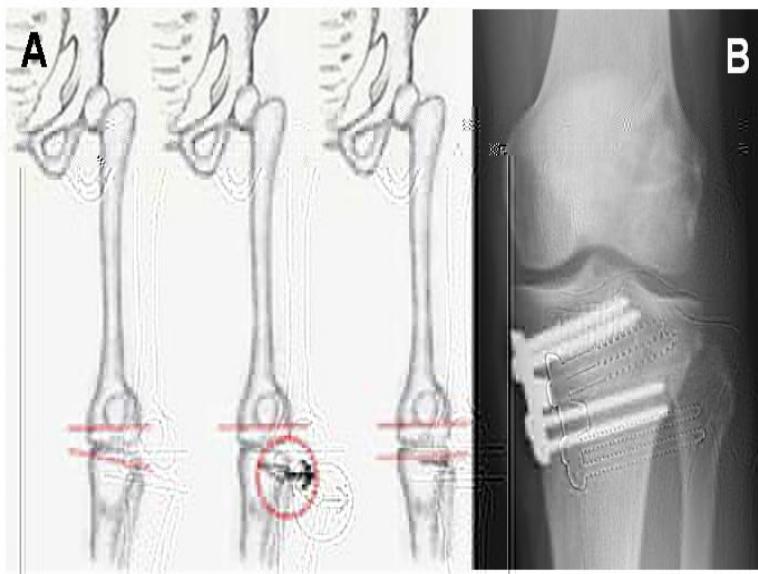
1= Beschadigd kraakbeen en sclerose

2= Subcondrale cyste

3= Normaal kraakbeen



# Chirurgische opties



**I. Resected**  
(verwijderd) =  
vastgezet

**II. Relieved** (ontlast) = bv  
correctie stand

**III. Replaced** (vervangen) =  
prothese

**IV. Restored** (hersteld) =  
kraakbeen herstel



# Artrose behandel algoritme



## Intra-Articular Surgery

Microfracture & subchondral drilling



ACI and MACI



Autografting / Allografting / FKRI



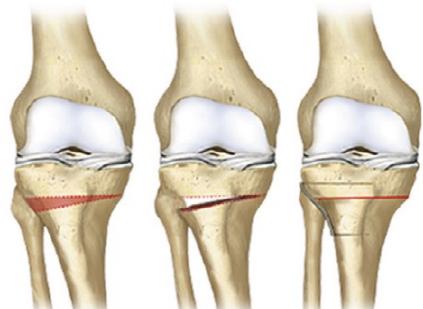
Meniscus repair

Ligament reconstruction

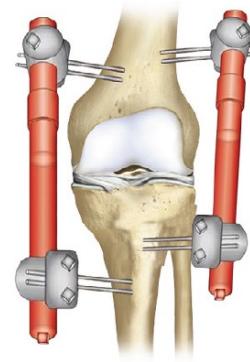


## Extra-Articular Surgery

Osteotomy



Distraction



## Lifestyle modification and Joint replacement

Analgesics

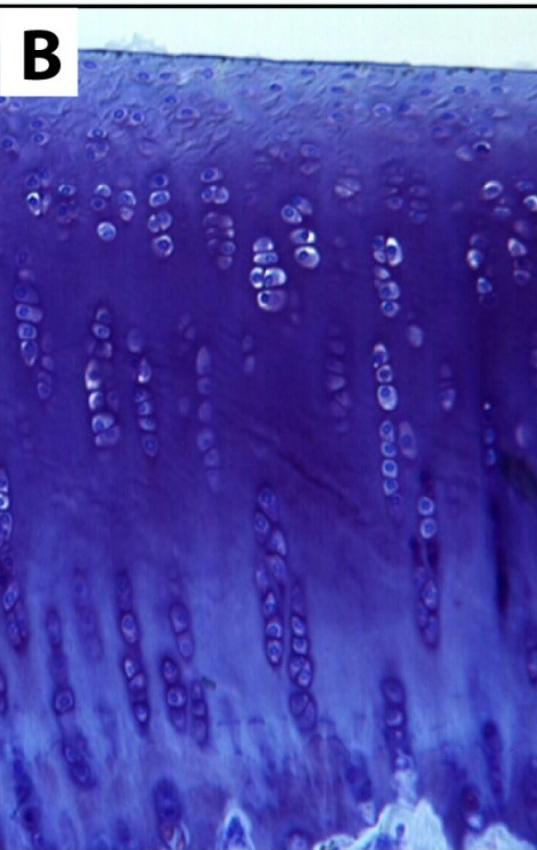
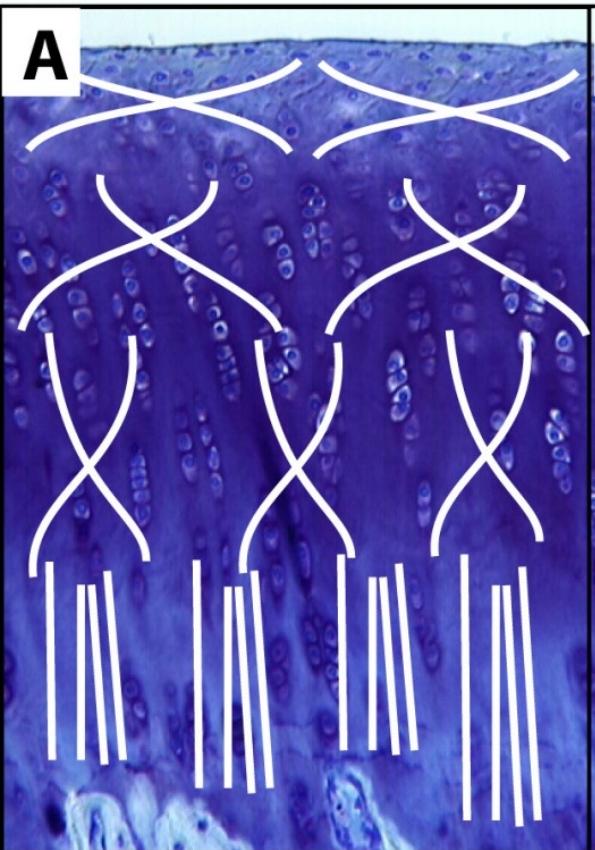


Weight loss



Joint replacement surgery

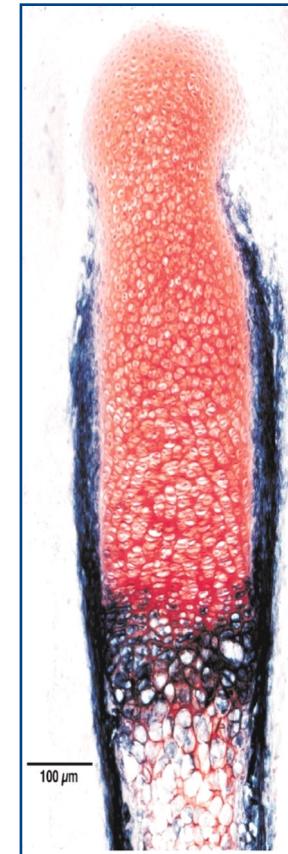




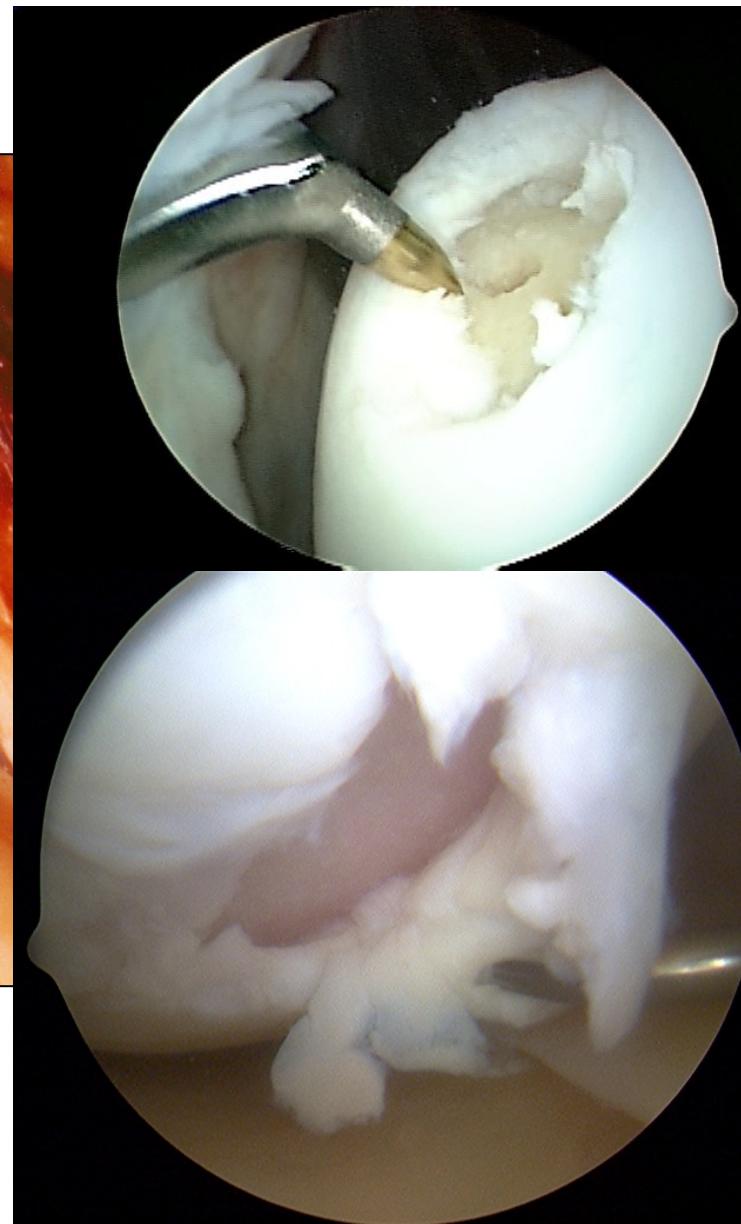
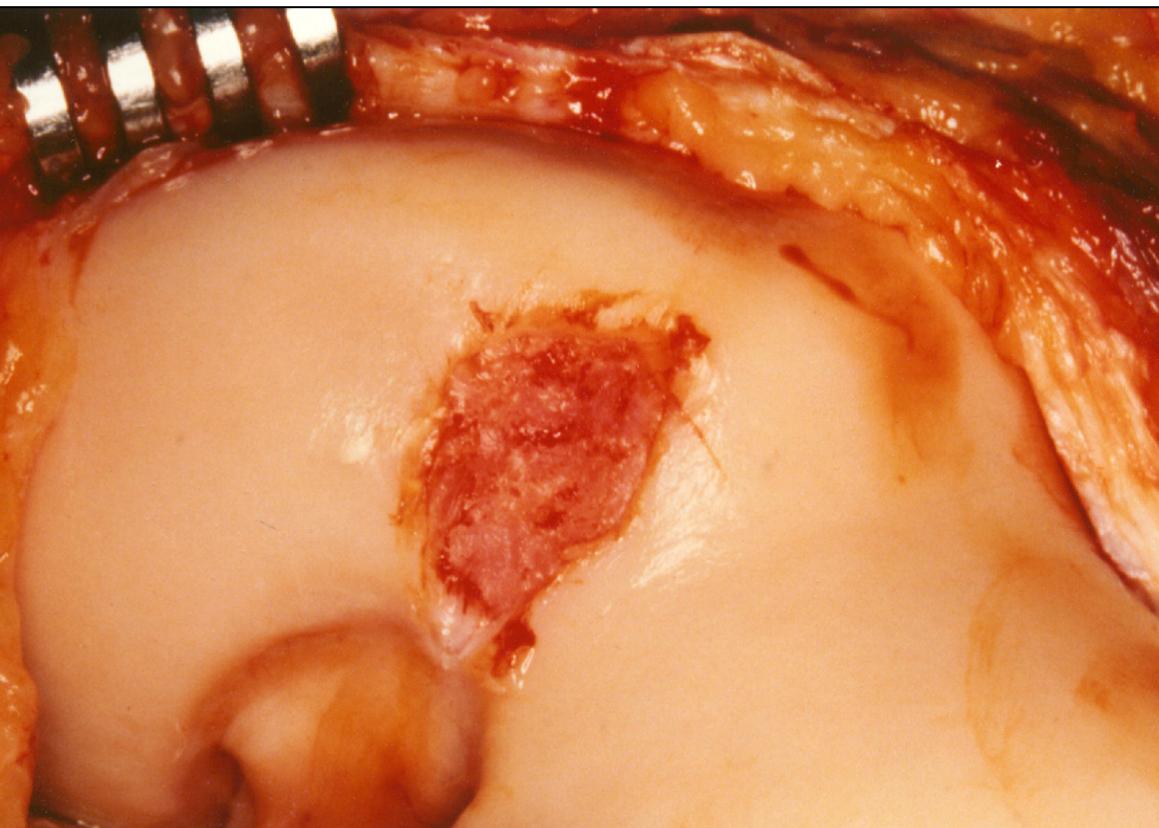
Superficial zone  
Transitional zone  
Deep zone  
Tidemark  
Calcified zone

The image displays five distinct zones of bone tissue arrangement, separated by brackets on the right side:

- Superficial zone
- Transitional zone
- Deep zone
- Tidemark
- Calcified zone



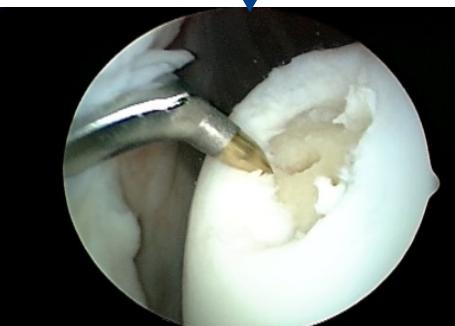
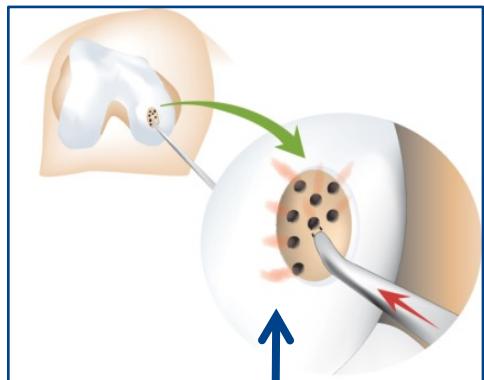
## Het probleem



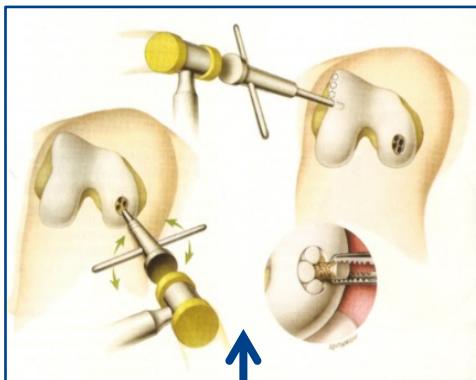
Aim

Assessment in clinical patients of performance, efficacy and safety of various (cellular) cartilage repair techniques with(out) use of T1-rho MRI imaging

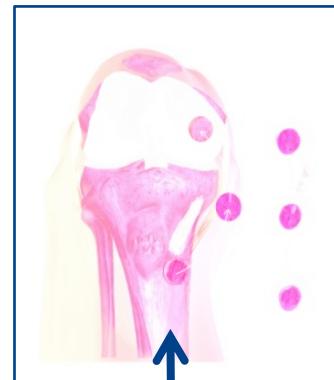
## Microfracture



## Mosaicplasty



## ACI/MACI



## CaP plugs

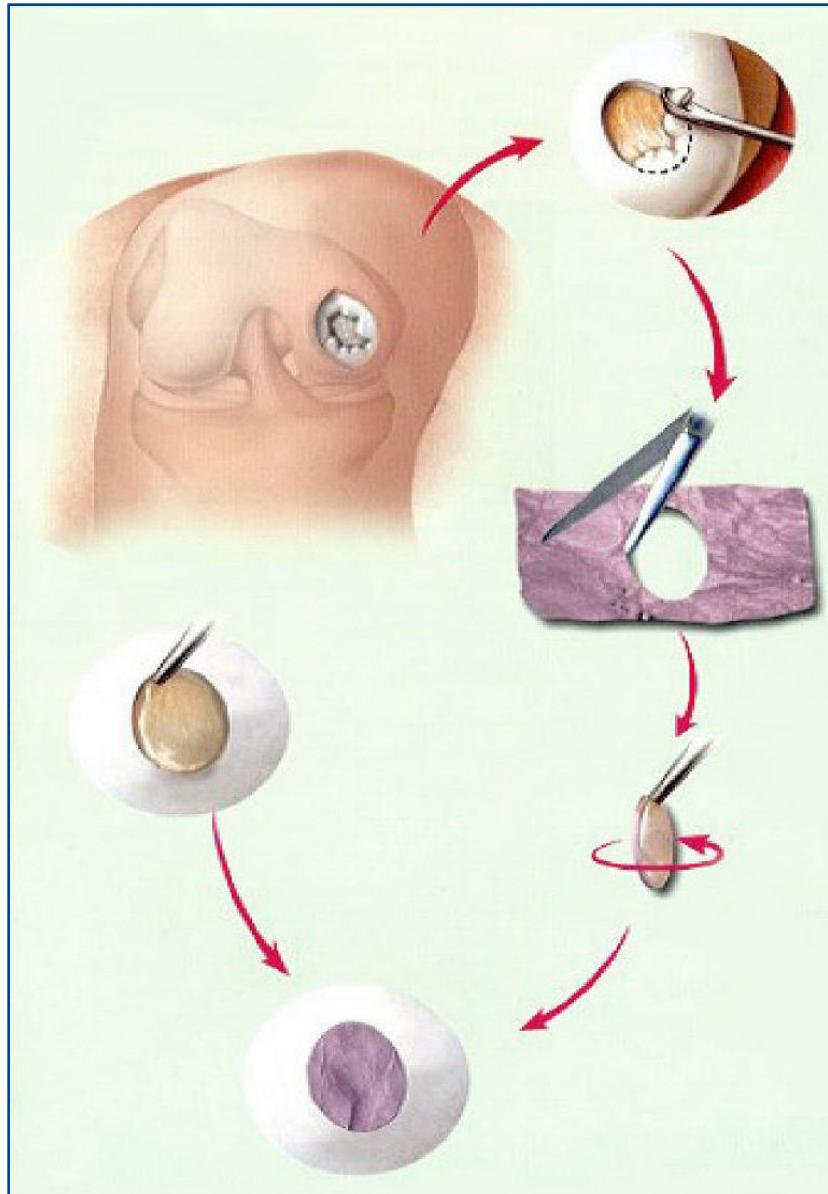
**TRUFIT® CB Plug**  
Synthetic Osteochondral Graft



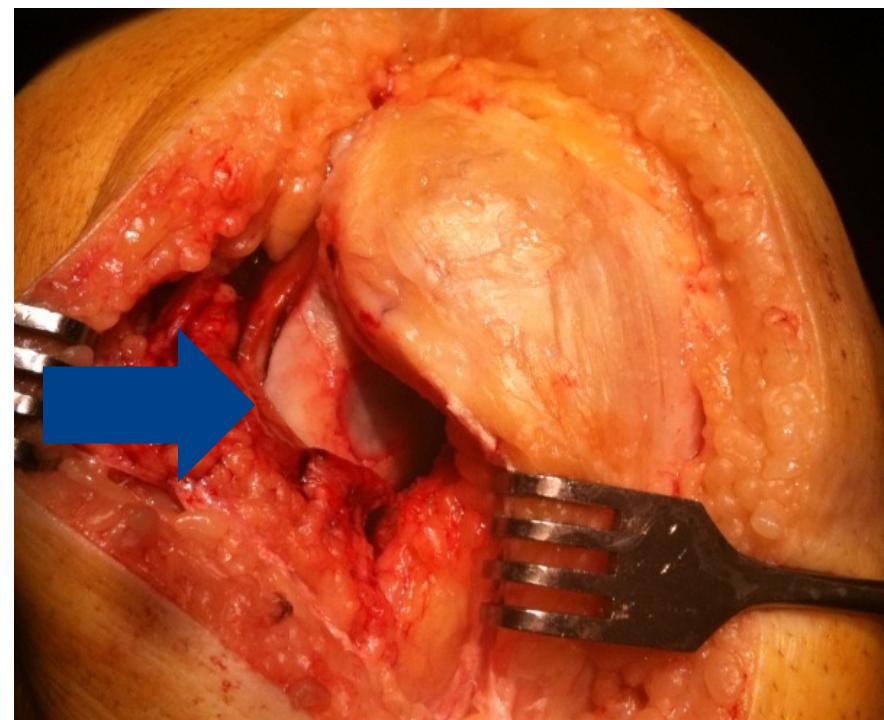
- Operative technique
- Arthroscopy assessment of defect
- Randomisation 2 scenarios

## B: Pt is MACI patient

- obtain a biopsy
- end surgery
- send biopsy to USA
- prepare MACI
- 6 weeks later implant MACI
- routine rehab protocol
  - \* bracing
  - \* CPM
  - \* fysio



- MACI implant
- collagen membrane 5 x 4 cm (20 cm<sup>2</sup>) in size
- 10-20 10<sup>6</sup> autologous chondrocytes (i.e., 1x10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Trimmed to the size and shape of the cartilage defect and implanted
- Cell-side down into the defect.



## Matrix-Applied Characterized Autologous Cultured Chondrocytes Versus Microfracture

### Five-Year Follow-up of a Prospective Randomized Trial

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*Investigation performed by the SUMMIT Extension Study Group based on the multicenter study performed at 14 sites across 7 European countries*

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**Background:** Matrix-based cell therapy improves surgical handling, increases patient comfort, and allows for expanded indications with better reliability within the knee joint. Five-year efficacy and safety of autologous cultured chondrocytes on porcine collagen membrane (MACI) versus microfracture for treating cartilage defects have not yet been reported from any randomized controlled clinical trial.

**Purpose:** To examine the clinical efficacy and safety results at 5 years after treatment with MACI and compare these with the efficacy and safety of microfracture treatment for symptomatic cartilage defects of the knee.

**Study Design:** Randomized controlled trial; Level of evidence, 1.

**Methods:** This article describes the 5-year follow-up of the SUMMIT (Superiority of MACI Implant Versus Microfracture Treatment) clinical trial conducted at 14 study sites in Europe. All 144 patients who participated in SUMMIT were eligible to enroll; analyses of the 5-year data were performed with data from patients who signed informed consent and continued in the Extension study.

**Results:** Of the 144 patients randomized in the SUMMIT trial, 128 signed informed consent and continued observation in the Extension study: 65 MACI (90.3%) and 63 microfracture (87.5%). The improvements in Knee injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (KOOS) Pain and Function domains previously described were maintained over the 5-year follow-up. Five years after treatment, the improvement in MACI over microfracture in the co-primary endpoint of KOOS pain and function was maintained and was clinically and statistically significant ( $P = .022$ ). Improvements in activities of daily living remained statistically significantly better ( $P = .007$ ) in MACI patients, with quality of life and other symptoms remaining numerically higher in MACI patients but losing statistical significance relative to the results of the SUMMIT 2-year analysis. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) evaluation of structural repair was performed in 120 patients at year 5. As in the 2-year SUMMIT (MACI00206) results, the MRI evaluation showed improvement in defect filling for both treatments; however, no statistically significant differences were noted between treatment groups.

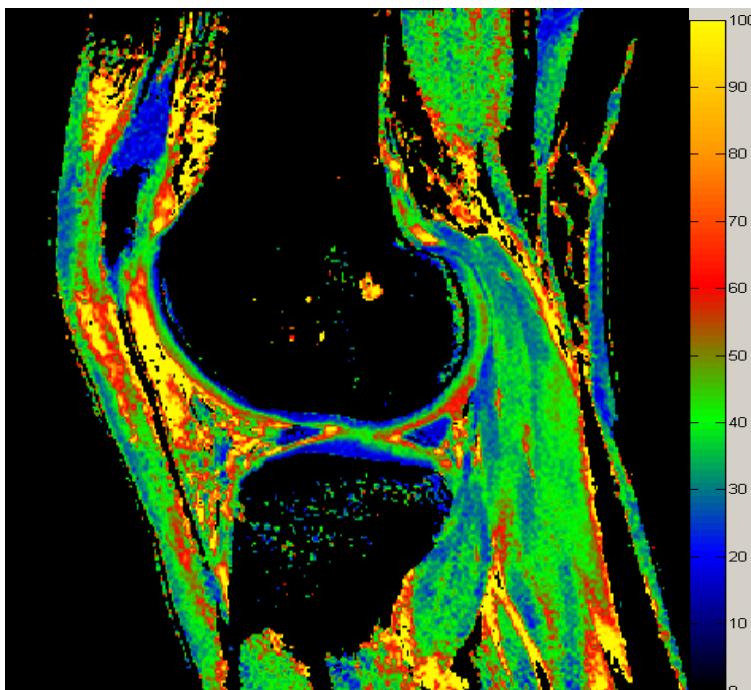
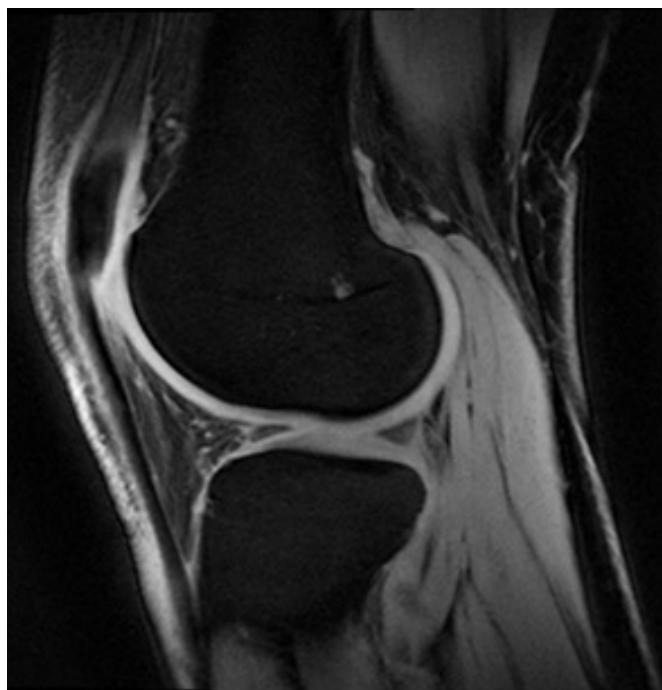
**Conclusion:** Symptomatic cartilage knee defects 3 cm<sup>2</sup> or larger treated with MACI were clinically and statistically significantly improved at 5 years compared with microfracture treatment. No remarkable adverse events or safety issues were noted in this heterogeneous patient population.

**Keywords:** cartilage repair; clinical outcomes; knee; matrix-applied characterized autologous cultured chondrocytes (MACI) implant; microfracture

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# T1rho MRI -> cartilage quality

- Meting water content, proteoglycanen content in kraakbeen
- Assessment OA en progressie van OA
- Semi-automatische kwantificatie → longitudinale assessment mogelijk

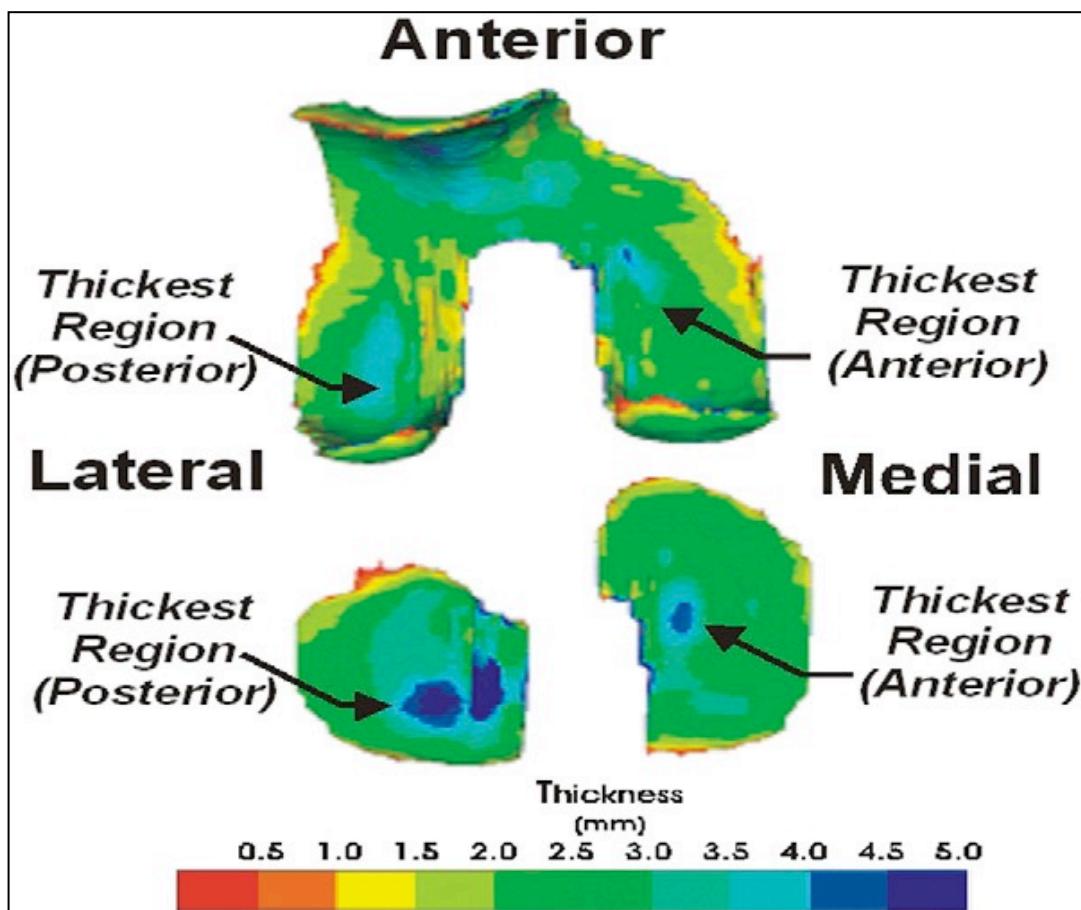


T1rho relaxation map of a healthy subject

**vuistregel:**  
**OA heeft opopenede relaxatie tijden**  
**Geel is slechtere kraakbeen kwaliteit vergeleken met blauw**

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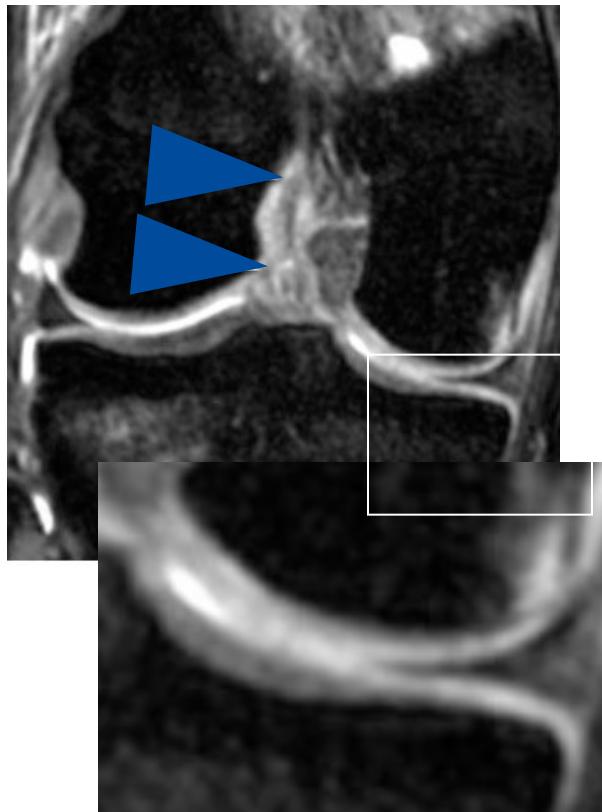
- Kwantificatie kraakbeen dike → longitudinale assessment mogelijk



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- Maastricht Scannexus 9.8 and 7.0 Tesla MRI

1.5 Tesla



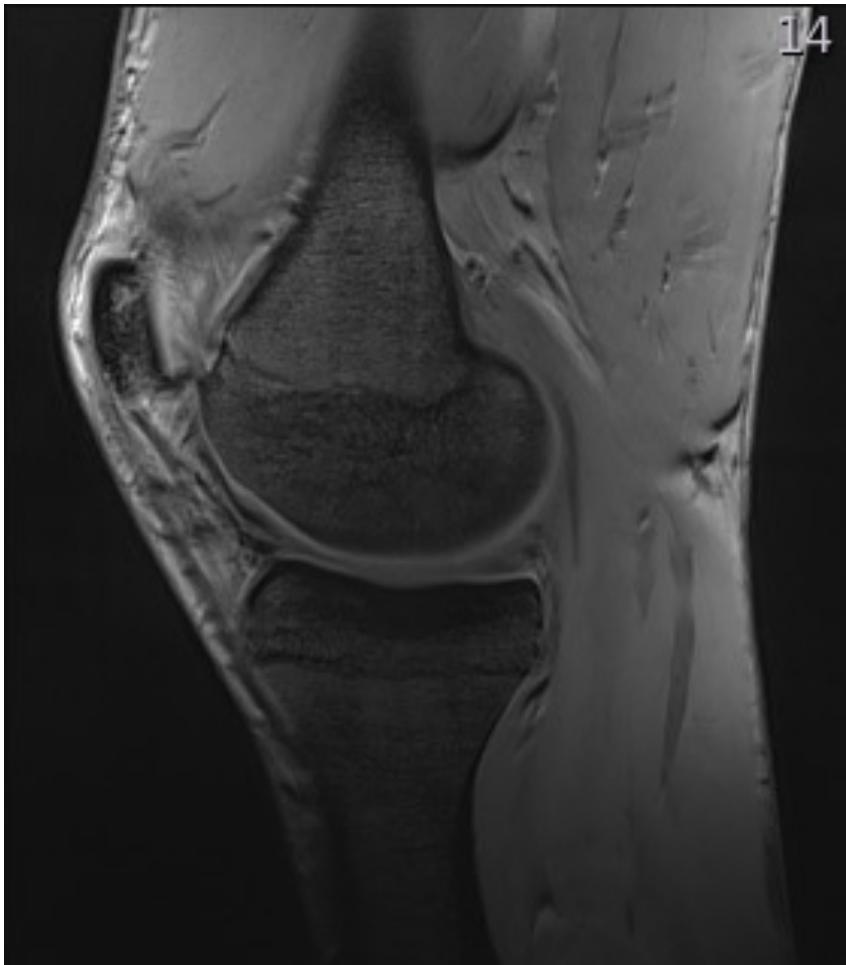
3.0 Tesla



7.0 Tesla



- 7 Tesla MRI Maastricht

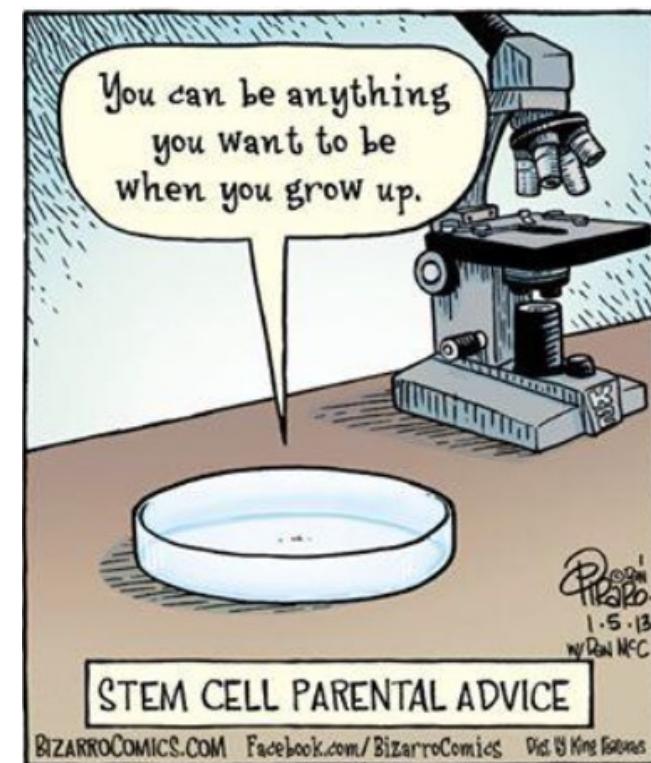


## Advanced therapies Medicinal products

- Medicinal products based on cells or genes
- Very different from medicines based on chemical entities or biological /biotechnological origin
- Same requirement for testing /controlling each batch

### Typen

1. Gene therapy medicinal products
2. Somatic cell therapy medicinal products
3. Tissue engineering products
4. Tumor cells



## 1. Gene therapy medicinal products (n=12)

- introduction or re-introduction of whole human cells (normal or modified) to generate an immune response in patients with deficient immunity

## 2. Somatic cell therapy medicinal products (n=3)

- introduction of normal or modified genetic material (usually DNA) into a patient to alleviate a genetic deficiency

## 3. Tissue engineering products (n=10)

- the manipulation/growth of biological tissue for implantation/use on tissue deficient patients.

## 3. Tissue engineering products

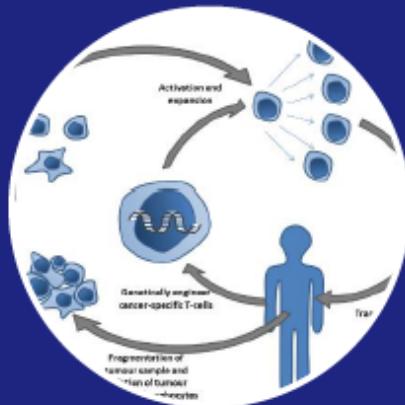
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- BioSeed-C Autologes 3D-Chondrozytentransplantat,
- Chondrosphere,
- MACI, Genzyme Europe
- NOVOCART 3D / NOVOCART Inject
- t2c001, autologous bone marrow-derived progenitor cells

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and Biomedicines

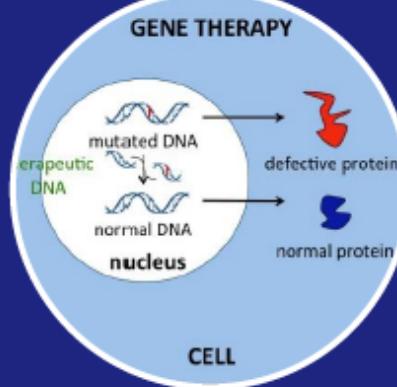


# Cell Therapies



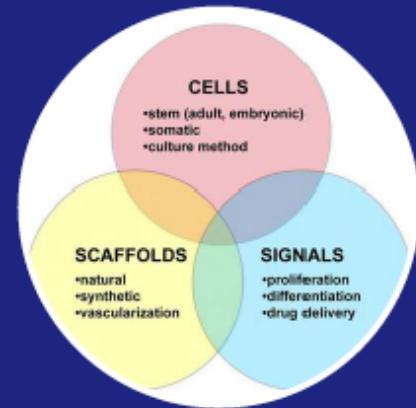
## Cell Therapies

- Melanoma, Leukaemia, Lymphoma
- Mostly B-Cell
- More treatments in development



## Gene Therapies

- Haemophilia, Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, some immunodeficiencies
- More treatments in development



## Engineered Tissue

- Cartilage
- Corneas
- Bone
- More treatments in development

## Why are they important?

ATMPs are showing outstanding results in difficult to treat conditions

- Personal, customised medicines, providing next level breakthroughs
- Gene therapies showing promise in repairing/curing genetic disorders
- Cell therapies able to target and destroy disease cells while minimising damage to healthy cells
- Engineered tissue repairing tissue that the body is unable to repair naturally – cartilage, corneas, etc.

# How do you make them?

## Cell Therapy Generic Workflow

### Cell Isolation

- Enrichment of cells from tissue source (cord blood, bone marrow, adipose)
- Cell specific separation of cells (positive & negative selection)

### Cell Expansion

- Ex vivo expansion of cell populations
- Harvesting and concentration of cells

### Cell Analysis

- Characterisation of cells to determine viability, potency and batch variation enabling QC and process optimisation

### Administration

- Administration and guided delivery technologies for accurate, and efficient cell delivery

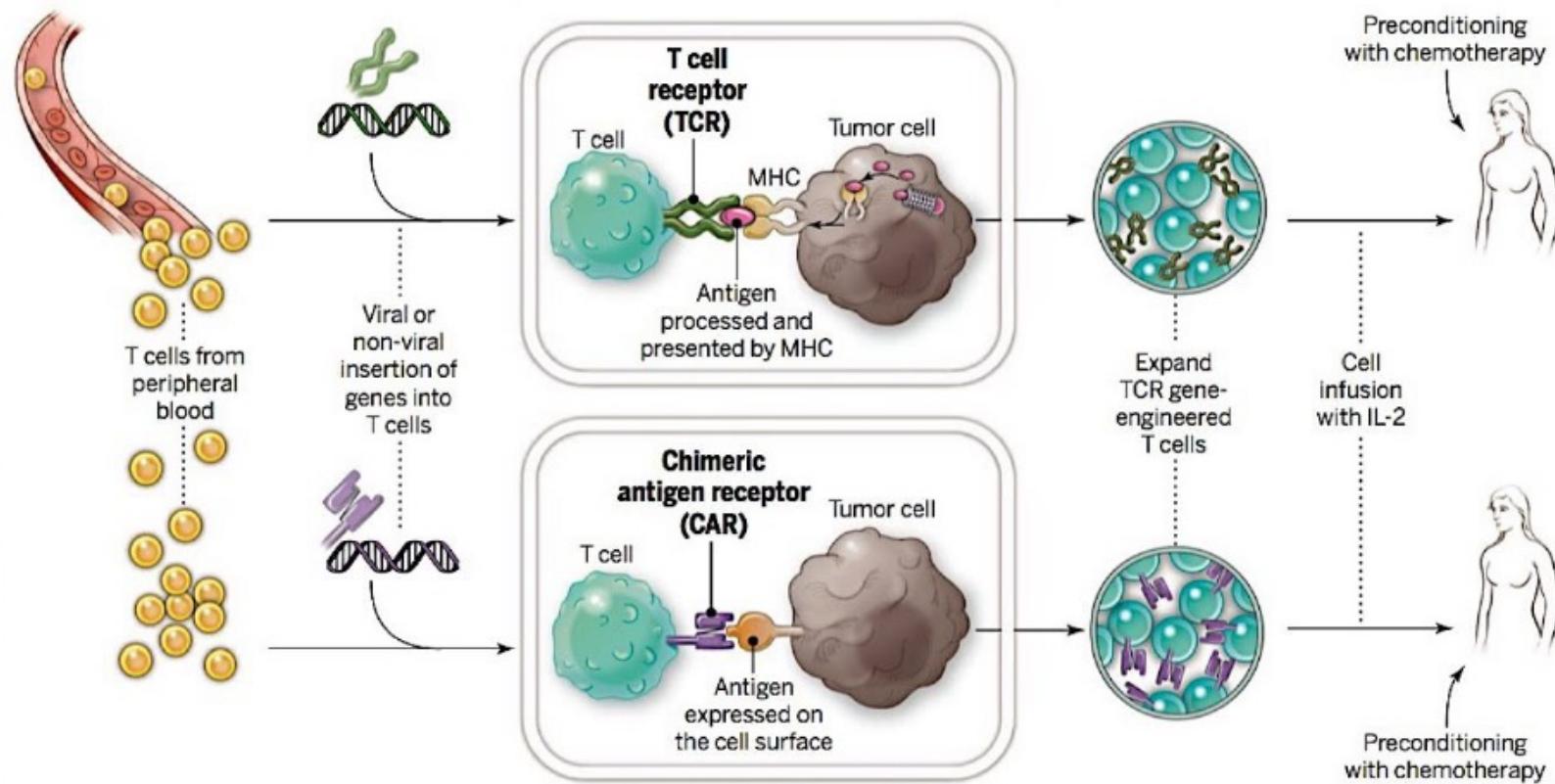
### Monitoring

- Biomarkers to identify and track implanted cells; cell viability; and differentiation
- Imaging for post-implantation assessment of survival, migration and clinical efficacy



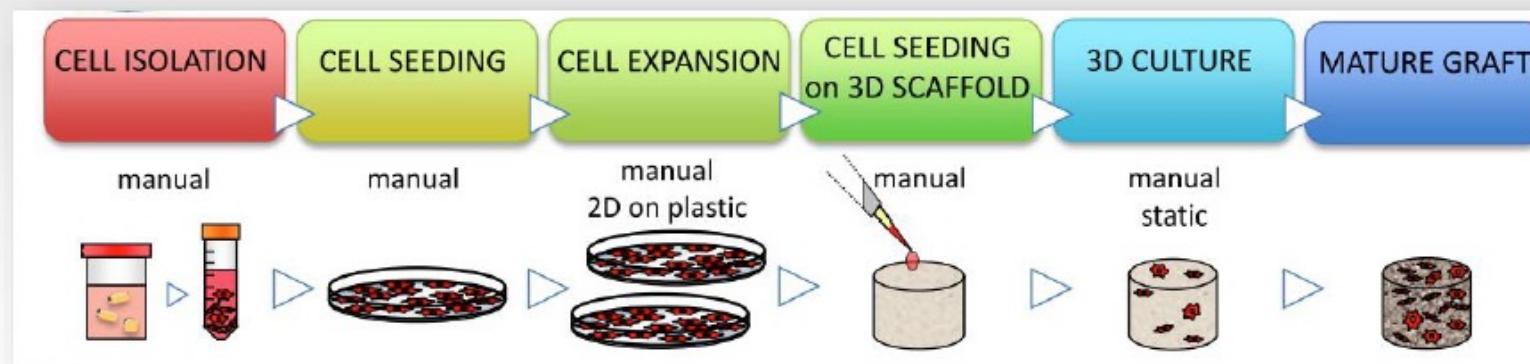
# How do you make them?

Typical CAR-T/TCR-T cell therapy process

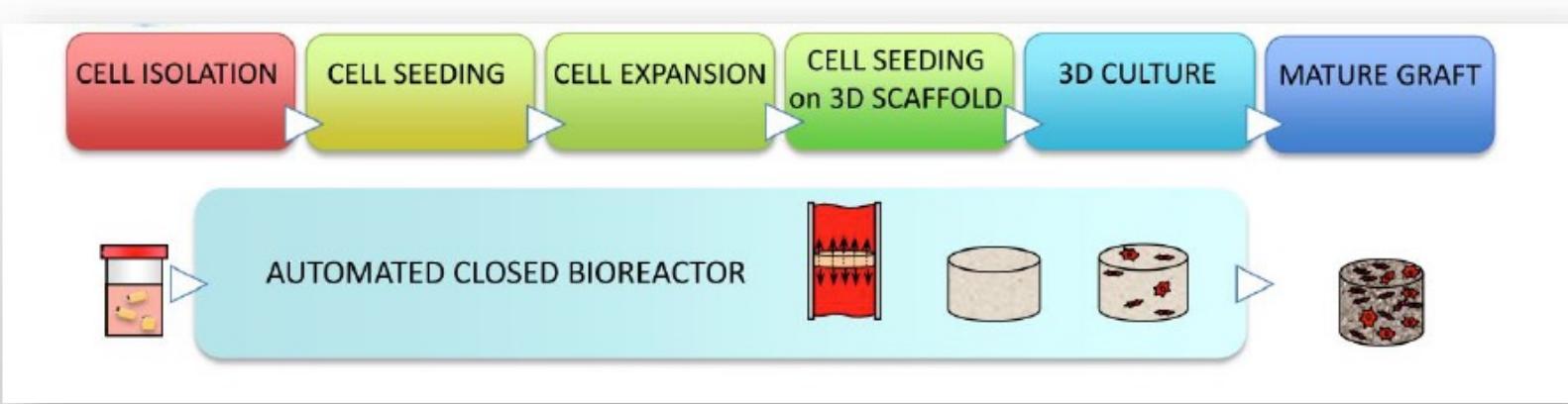


# How do you make them?

Typical manual engineered tissue process



Near future automated engineered tissue process



## GMP Production or Clinical Trials?

Currently, the vast majority of ATMPs developed are in clinical trials. Many are in extended (seemingly perpetual) clinical trials. Why?

- Applying GMP is difficult
- Getting MA is very difficult
- Establishing a reimbursement model that works commercially remains a major concern



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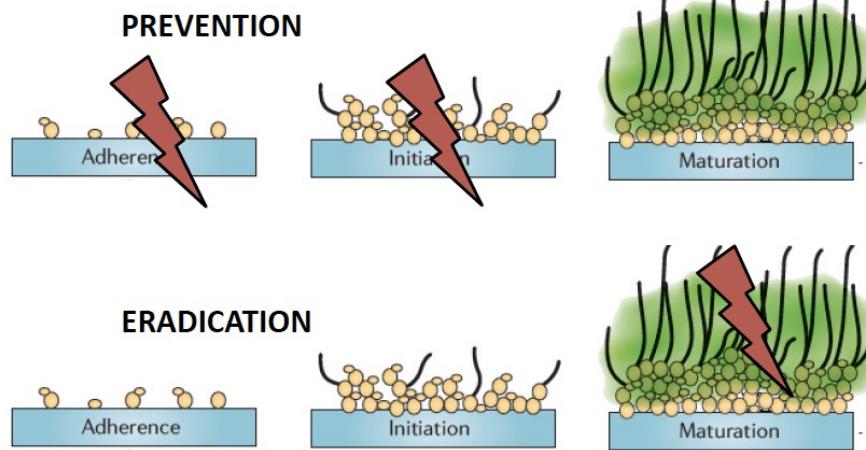


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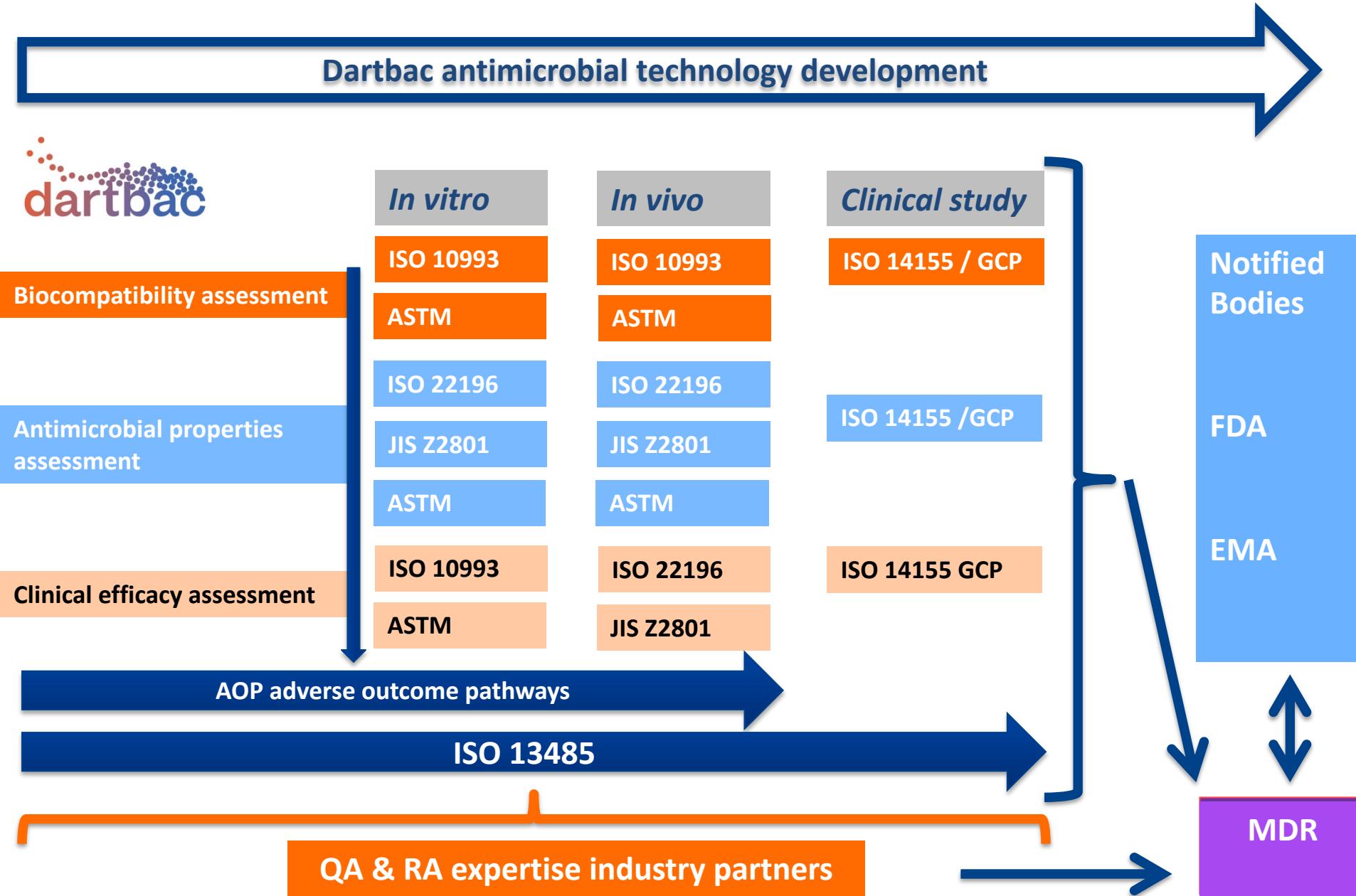
# Een antimicrobiele coating

## Dartbac antimicrobiele technology ontwikkeling



Welke eigenschappen moeten we testen en conform welke regel- en wetgeving of industrie standaarden?

# Example: antimicrobial coating





## Design-ontwikkel fase

- gebruiker eisen
- ontwikkel input, proces, validatie

## Technische file fase

- device beschrijving
- conformity -> CE
- label en IFU
- technische standaarden
- lab reusltaten
- klinische data

\* RISICO ANALYSE !

\* KWALITEITS ANALYSE !



## Risico analyse fase

- Harm/hazard/hazardous situation
- deel van technische file

## Klinisch onderzoek fase

- veiligheid en effectiviteit
- post-marketing follow-up

## Key changes of the new MDR



Product scope  
expansion



Implementation of unique  
device identification



Rigorous post-market  
oversight



Identification of person  
responsible for regulatory  
compliance



Common  
specifications



Reclassification of devices  
according to risk, contact  
duration and invasiveness



More rigorous clinical  
evidence for class III and  
implantable medical devices



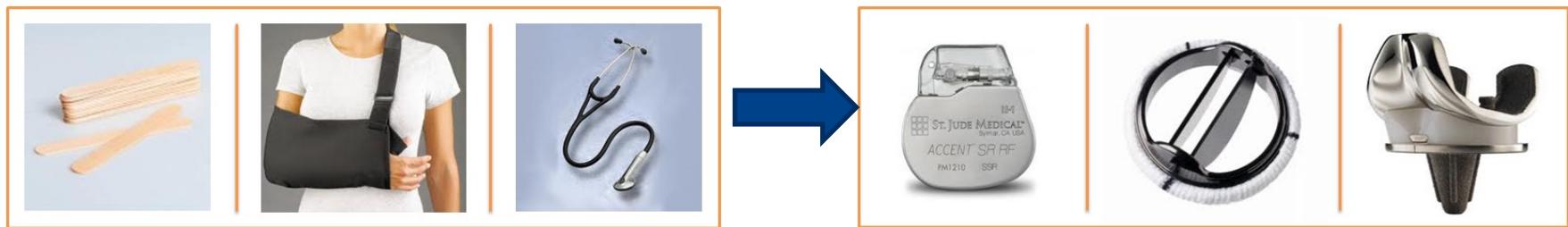
Systematic clinical evaluation  
of Class IIa and Class IIb  
medical devices



No "grandfathering"  
provisions

Classificatie -> risico, contactduur en invasiviteit

## 1. Re-classificatie alle medical devices / biomaterialen



## 2. Re-evaluatie technische dossiers alle medical devices / biomaterialen

- Zelf gegenereerde productspecifieke unieke data productveiligheid, effectiviteit



Exeter

Trilliance

Alteon

C-stem

Hype

## 3. Doorlopende risico evaluatie alle medical devices / biomaterialen, ATMPs

## 4. Verplichte post-marketing surveillance en jaarlijkse rapportage

## Hazard Gevaar



Hazard

## Hazardous Situation Gevaarlijke situatie



Hazardous situation

## Harm Schade



Harm

**Hazard:** Potential source of harm (failure mode)

**Harm:** physical injury or damage to the health of people, or damage to property or the environment

**Hazardous situation:** Circumstance with exposure to harm

**Risk:** Combination of the severity of harm and the probability of occurrence of that harm.



# Conclusies

## Effect van de MDR -> Medical Device Regulation

- **MDR heeft een enorm effect op de huidige medical devices en biomaterialen markt en de toekomstige biomaterialen ONTWIKKELING en GOEDKEURING**
- **Vereisten:**
  - Unieke zelf gegenereerde data betreffende veiligheid (safety) en klinische effect (clinical efficacy) voor re-certificatie en markt herintreding voor elk medical device en biomateriaal
  - Evaluatie kwantiteit en kwaliteit van level of evidence
  - Verplichte post-marketing surveillance en risico-inventarisatie gedurende product levenscyclus & SAE rapportage
- **MDR zal hierdoor leiden tot een drastische reductie van beschikbare medical devices (-60%) en biomaterialen (-40%)**
- **MDR heeft een enorm effect op de toekomstige opzet van klinisch onderzoek met vergaande focus op veiligheid en risico inventarisatie en SAE reportage**

# Conclusies

## Positief effect van de MDR -> Medical Device Regulation

- **Implantaten**
  - > hogere LoE beschikbare implantaten
  - > beter veiligheidsprofiel vanwege continu risico analyse
  - > specifieker training en educatie vanuit industrie
  - > EU breed track & trace
- **Klinisch onderzoek**
  - > belang neemt toe !
  - > vereist tijdens gehele levenscyclus implantaat
  - > post-marketing surveillance vereist inclusief risico analyse
  - > belang implantaat registers neemt toe
- **Personalised / patient specifieke implantaten**
  - > wetgeving en eisen nog onduidelijk
  - > geen status aparte op moment
  - > even strigente klinsche follow-up eisen

# Questions

