

# Burn Wound Treatment-From the Clinic to the Lab and Back

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# Why cell therapy and skin substitutes?

## The example of burn patients

### Burns

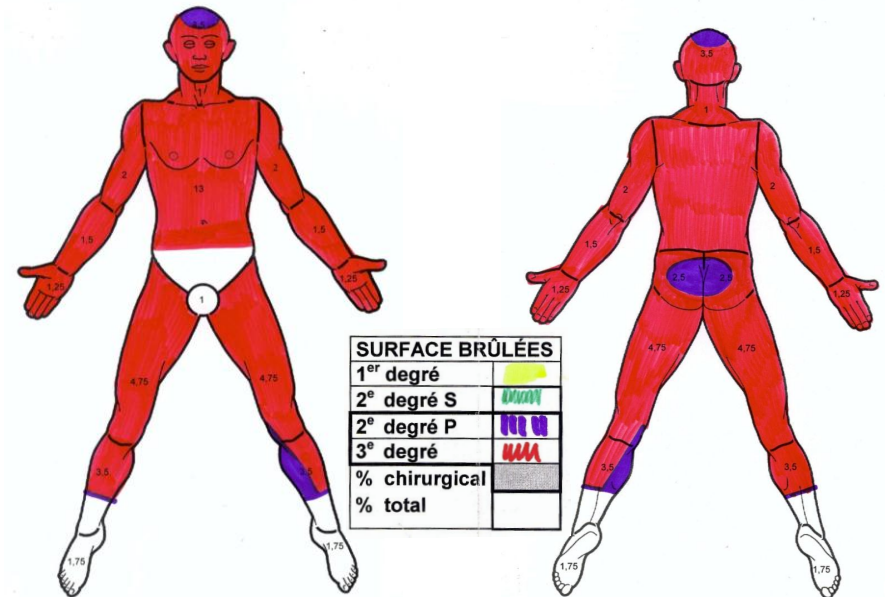
- 1500 hosp./yr. In CH
- CHUV burn center 400,000 cm<sup>2</sup>/yr



Skin grafts remain the first choice to treat major burn patients

- Split thickness skin grafts
- Full thickness skin grafts

Healthy skin insufficient on major burn patients



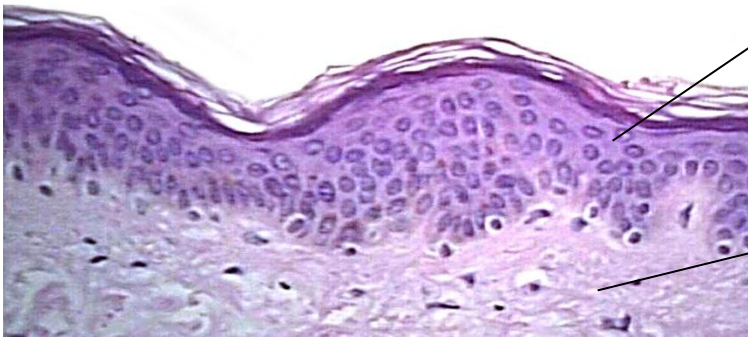
# Cultured autologous epithelial sheets (CEA)

Rheinwald and Green [1975]

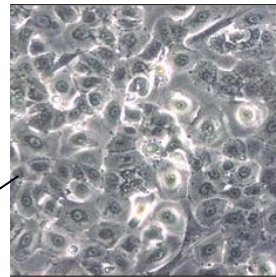
Clinical use [1981]

CHUV [1985]

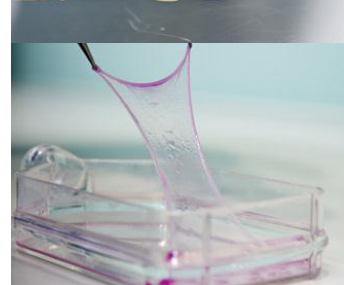
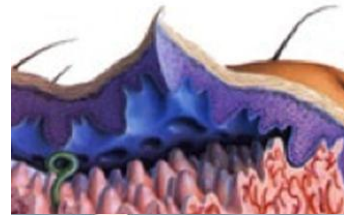
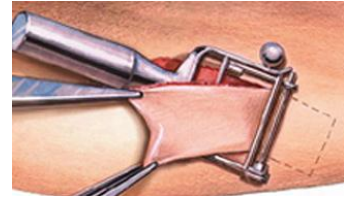
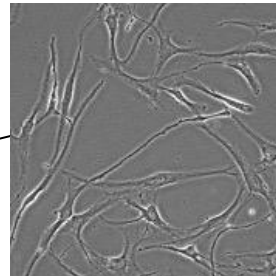
Specific cells after culture



Keratinocytes



Fibroblasts

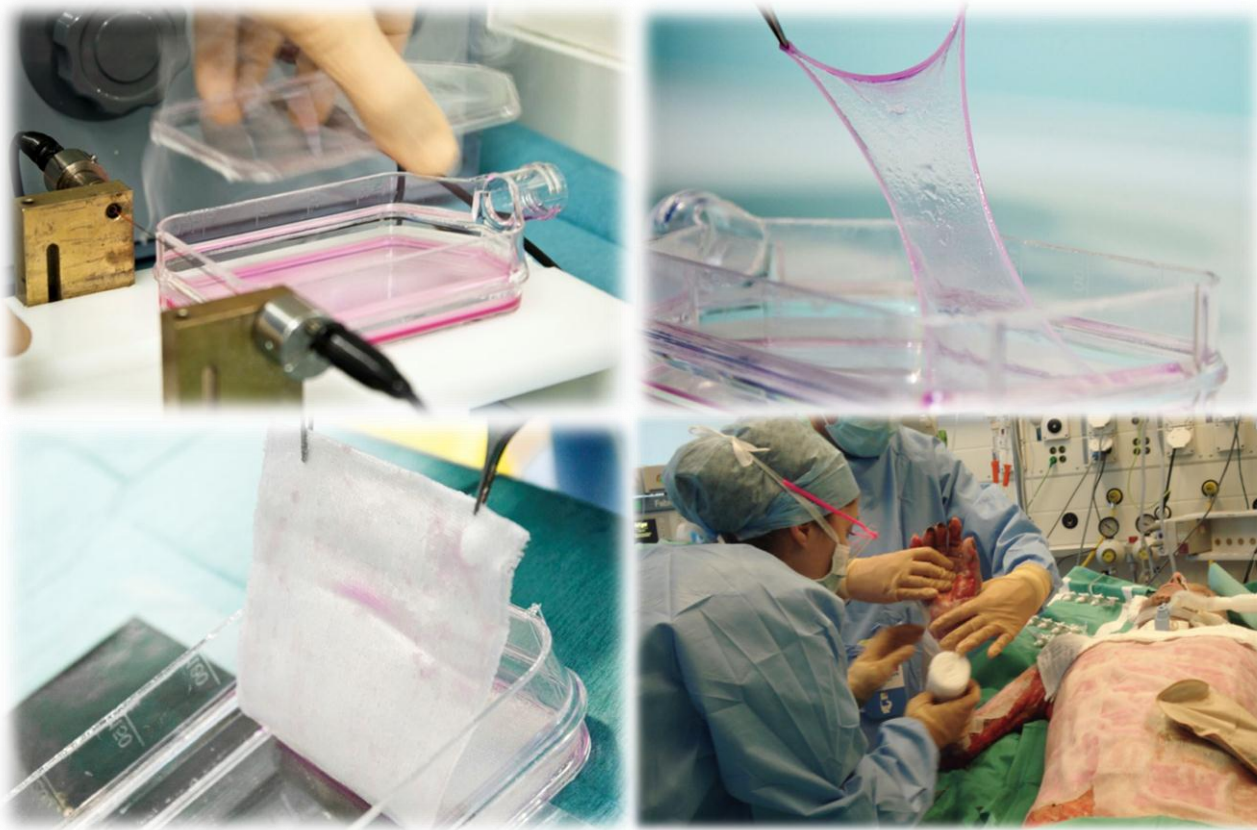


# Routine integration of Cell Therapy >30 years in CHUV

- Use for TBSA from 12-95%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> degree deep and 3rd degree burns
- Lower mortality
- Lower donor-site surface necessary
  - Fewer secondary wounds

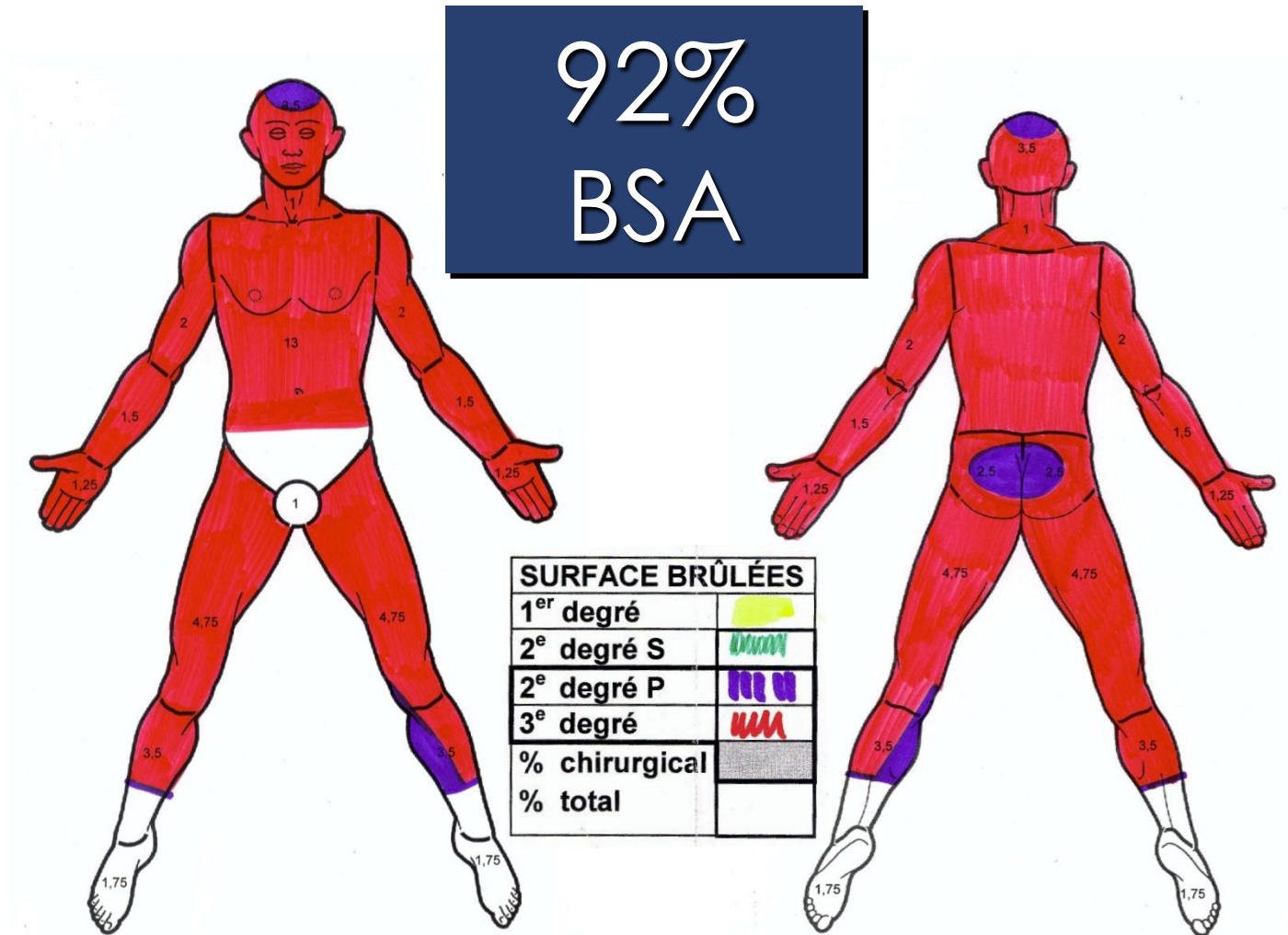
# Cultured autologous epithelial sheets...

- The sheet is attached to vaseline-coated gauze and grafted

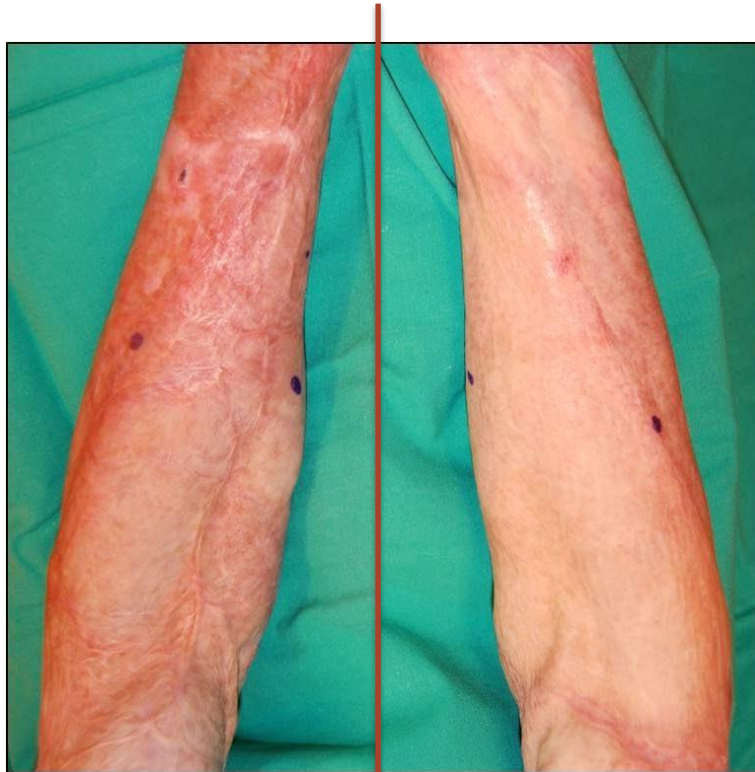




# Lack of available healthy skin...



# Cell culture assisted surgery



Keratinocytes

Keratinocytes

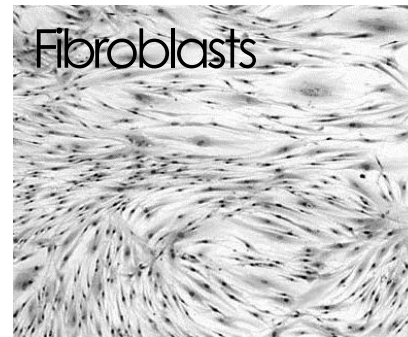
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Fibroblasts



Keratinocytes

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Fibroblasts

# Cell culture assisted surgery



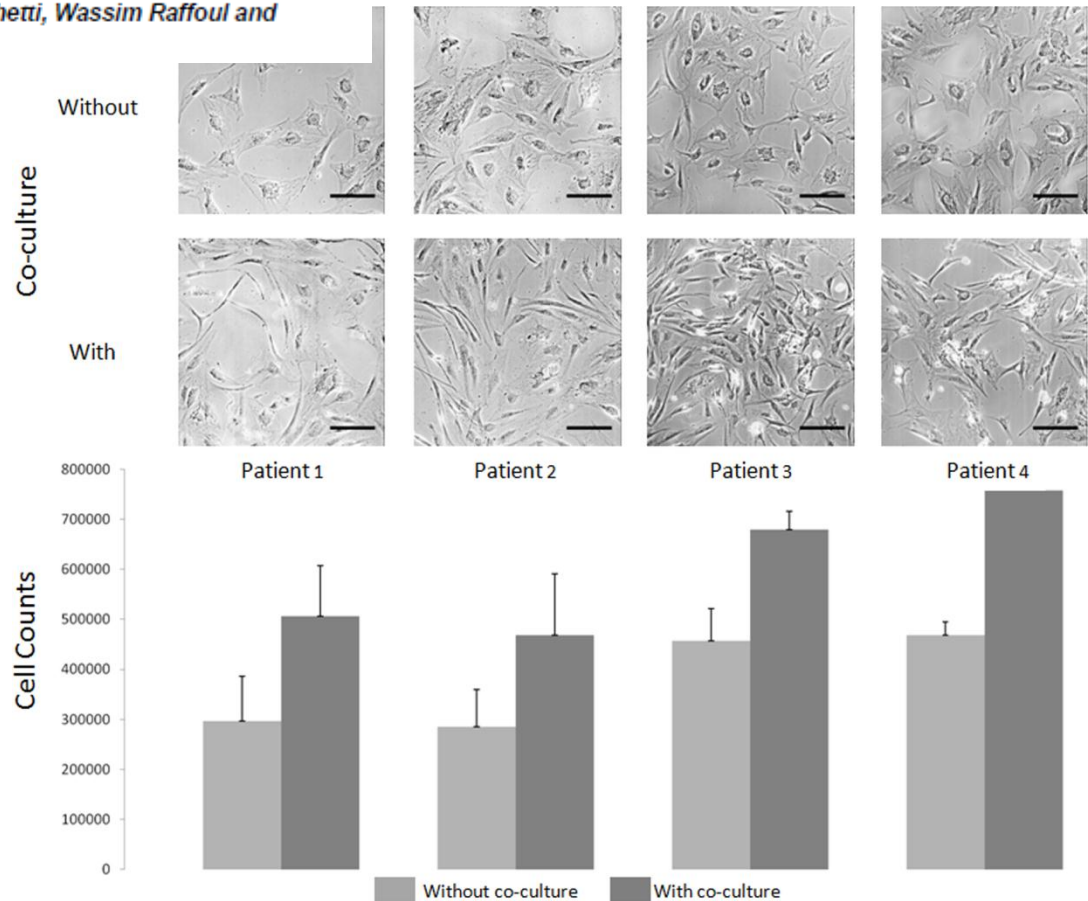
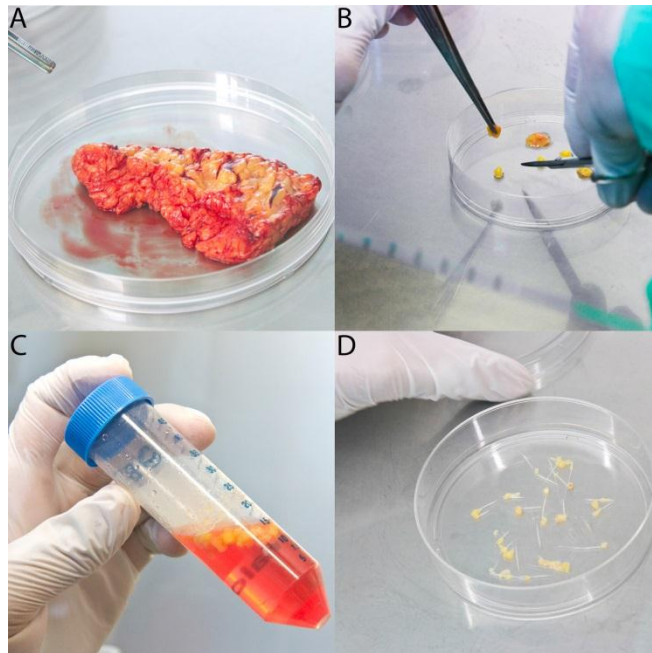
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## Enhancement of Human Adipose-Derived Stem Cell Expansion and Stability for Clinical use

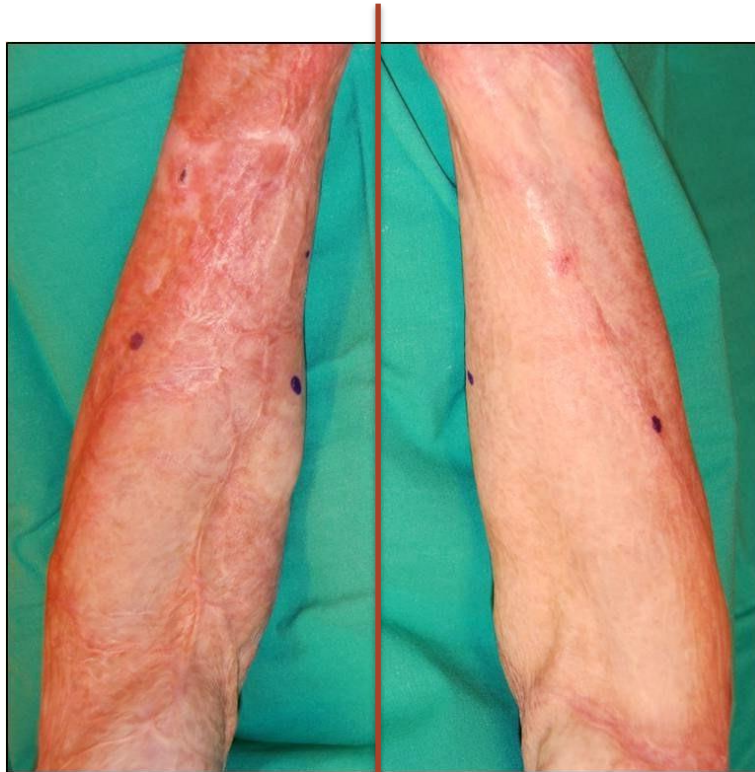
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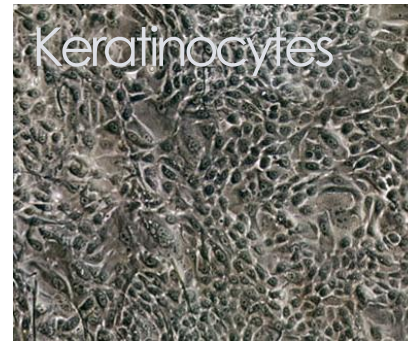
# Cell therapy assisted surgery



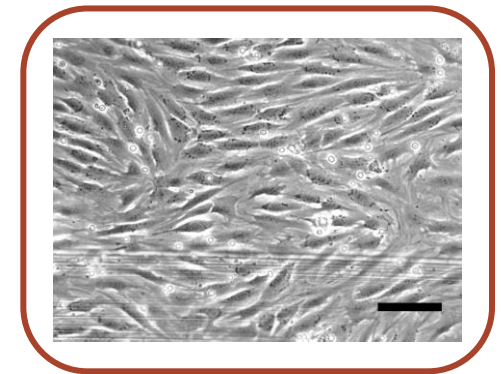
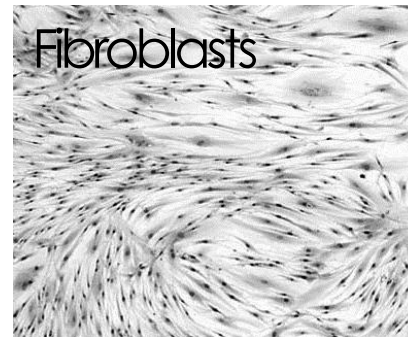
Keratinocytes  
3 weeks

Keratinocytes  
+

Fibroblasts  
5-6 weeks

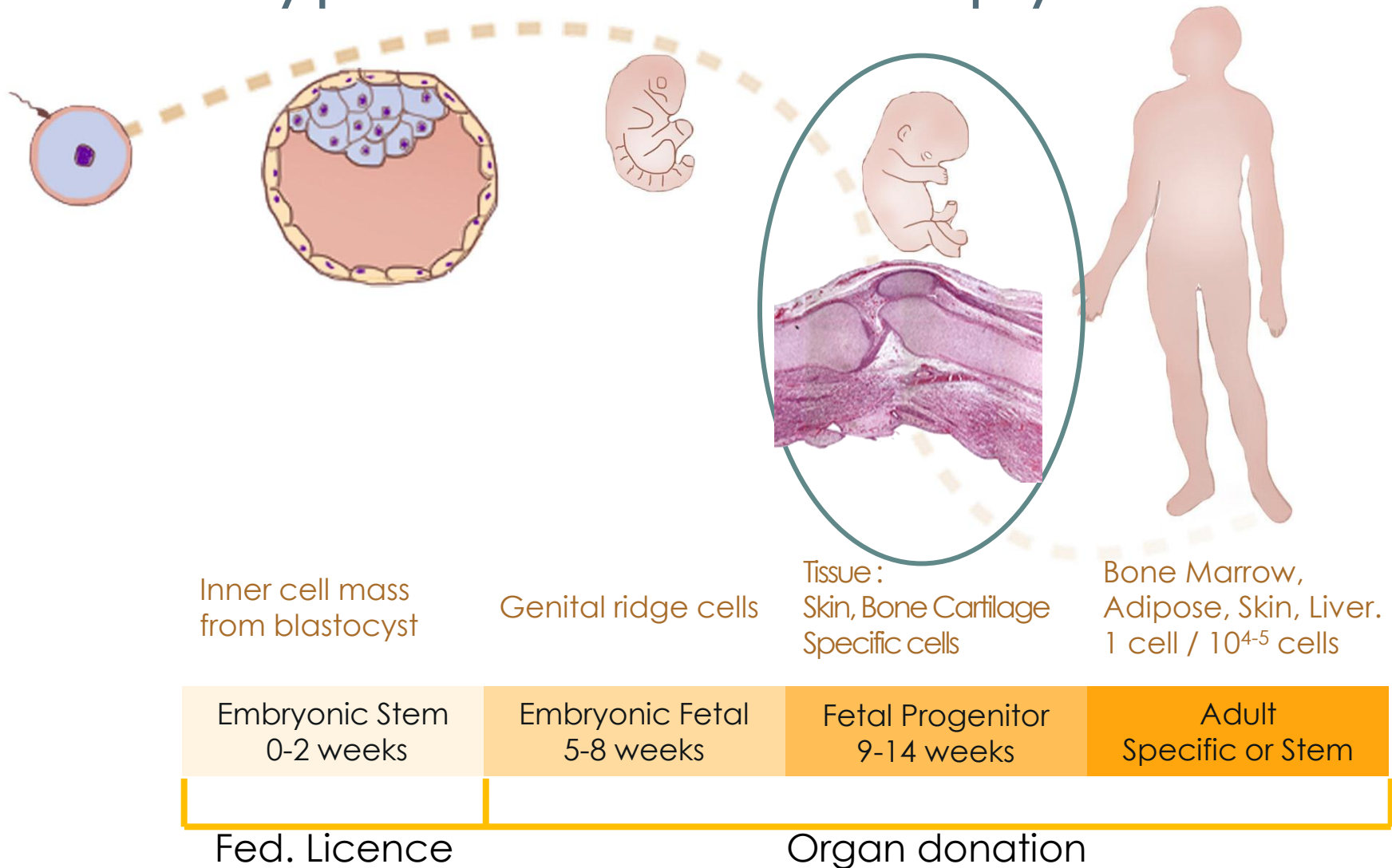


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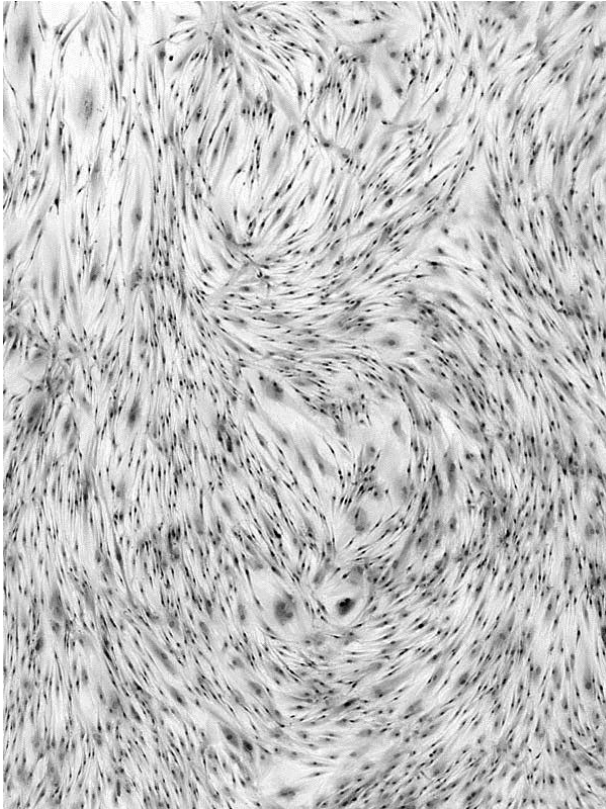
Adipose Stem Cells  
3 weeks

# Cells Types for Cell Therapy



# Fetal Progenitor Cells

## Historical use



1930

Polio Vaccine

1954

Nobel Prize of medicine

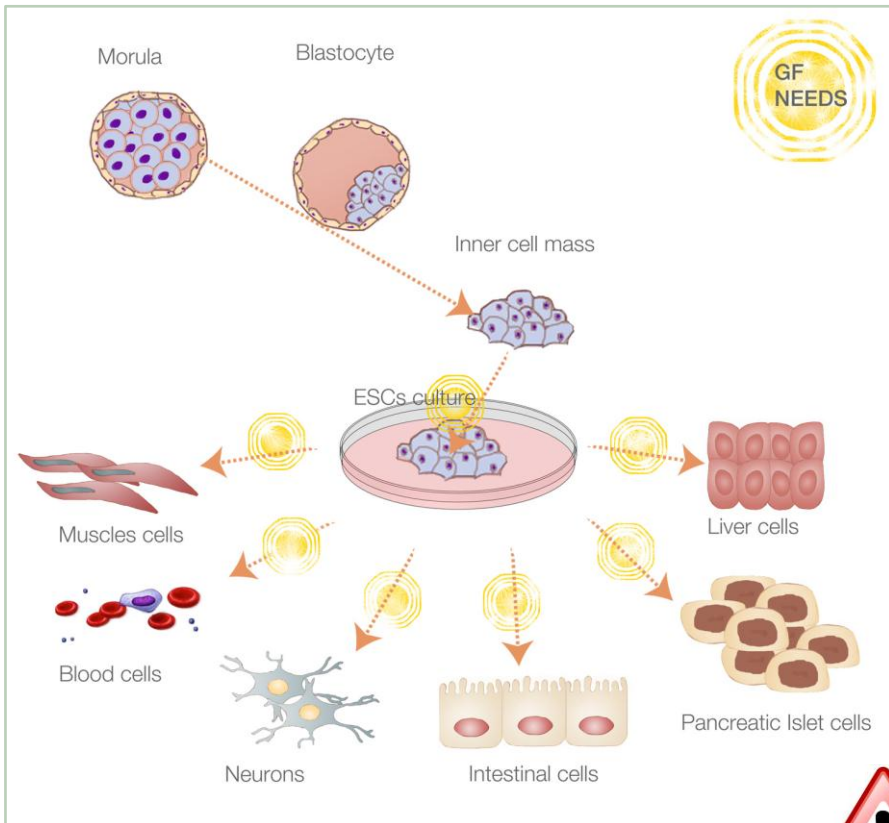
1964-66

Until today

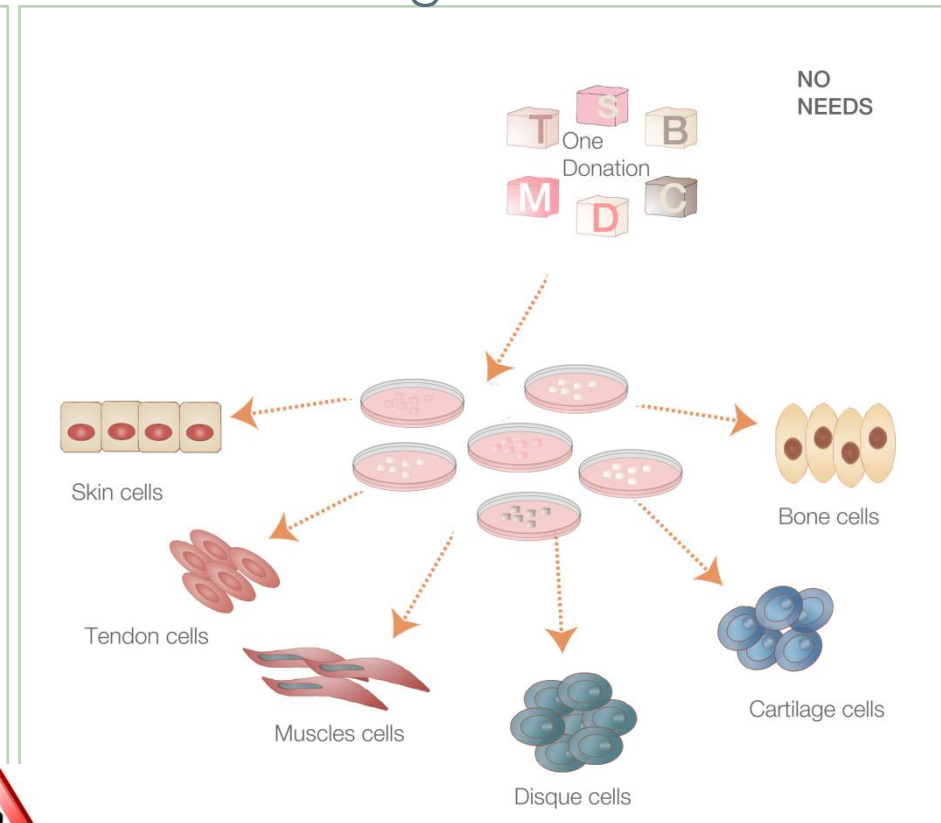
- Fetal Cells **MRC-5** :  
polio, hepatitis A, chicken pox,  
measles, rabies
- Fetal Cells **WI-38** :  
mumps vaccine [RA 27/3]

# Progenitor Cells vs Stem cells

## Stem cells



## Progenitor cells

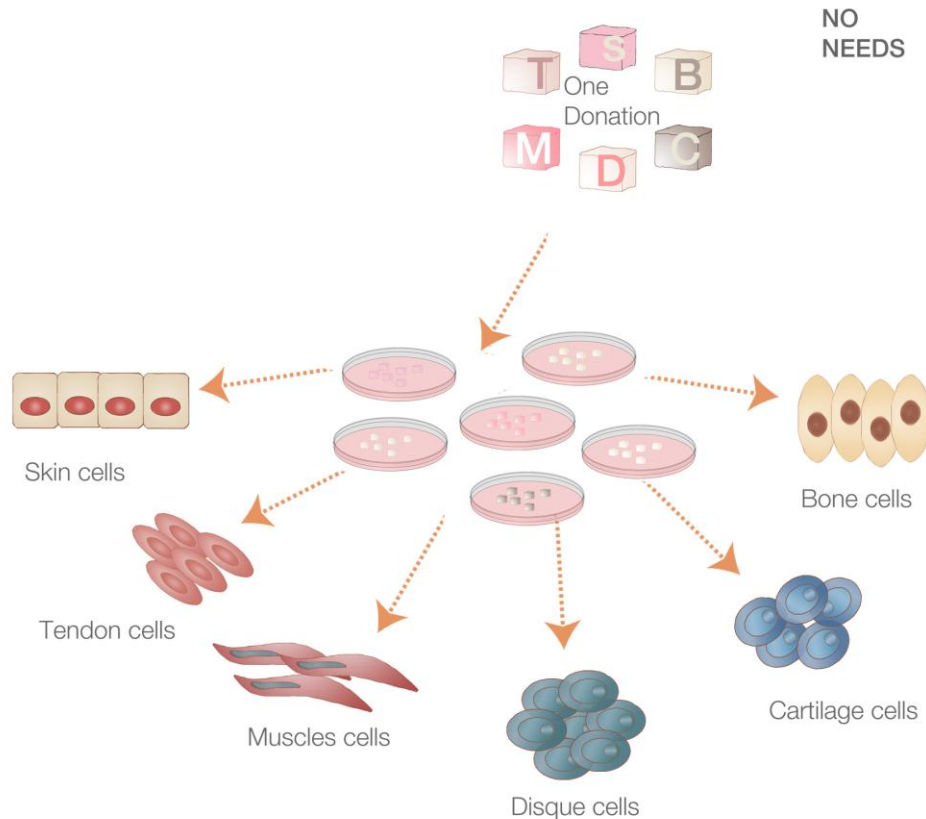


Not the same

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# Fetal Progenitor Cells



- Differentiated Cells
  - No specific growth factor needed
- Specific cell banks
  - Registration with OFSP/Swissmedic since 1993
  - Accordance with Transplantation Act [July 2007]
  - GMP quality
  - Compatibility with clinics
- High proliferation
- Long experience
- Scarless healing<sup>1,2</sup>

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2. Beredjiklian *et al.*, Regenerative versus reparative healing in tendon. Ann Biomed Eng (2003)

# Creation of a cell bank [1993]

## Cell bank

- Cell number maximized
- Stock of cells in low passage
- Long term conservation
- Off-the-shelf availability
- Controlled

Skin, Bone, Cartilage  
Tendon, Muscle



Parental Cell  
Bank

[PCB]

(12) **United States Patent**  
**Laurent-Applegate**

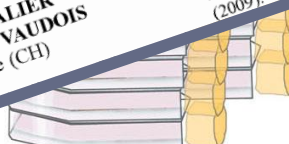
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-165°C



Master & Work  
Cell Bank

[MCB & WCB]

Biopsy

# Lausanne trial 2000-2005

## Biologic bandages

Treatment of burns and wounds



Cell Bank 165°C



9 x 12 Constructs



Application

Optimization of Biobank:  
35,000,000,000 constructs [9 x 12 cm]

# Trial on 8 pediatric burns 10 year Follow-up



Dr. de Buys Roessingh

Before  
treatment



15-20 mo  
follow-up



8-9 yr  
follow-up



J Hohlfield, AS de Buys Roessingh, C Scaletta, N Burri, P Hohlfield, and LA Applegate  
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# Biologic bandages

## Tissue engineered fetal skin constructs for paediatric burns

Judith Hohlfeld, Anthony de Buys Roessingh, Nathalie Hirt-Burri, Pascal Chaubert, Stefan Gerber, Corinne Scaletta, Patrick Hohlfeld, Lee Ann Applegate

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### Development, Characterization, and Use of a Fetal Skin Cell Bank for Tissue Engineering in Wound Healing

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### A Decade after Foetal Skin Progenitor Cell Therapy in Pediatric Burn Treatment

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- Not a graft
- Activate the regeneration of tissue
- Stimulate the closure of burns/wounds
- Reduced hypertrophic scar
- Presence of sebaceous glands and hair follicles
- Excellent mobility results [10 year follow-up]

# Severe burns: actual care 12% TBSA

## Day 2



# Severe burns: actual care 12% TBSA Day 4





# Severe burns: actual care 12% TBSA 6 weeks





# Treatments with progenitor cells

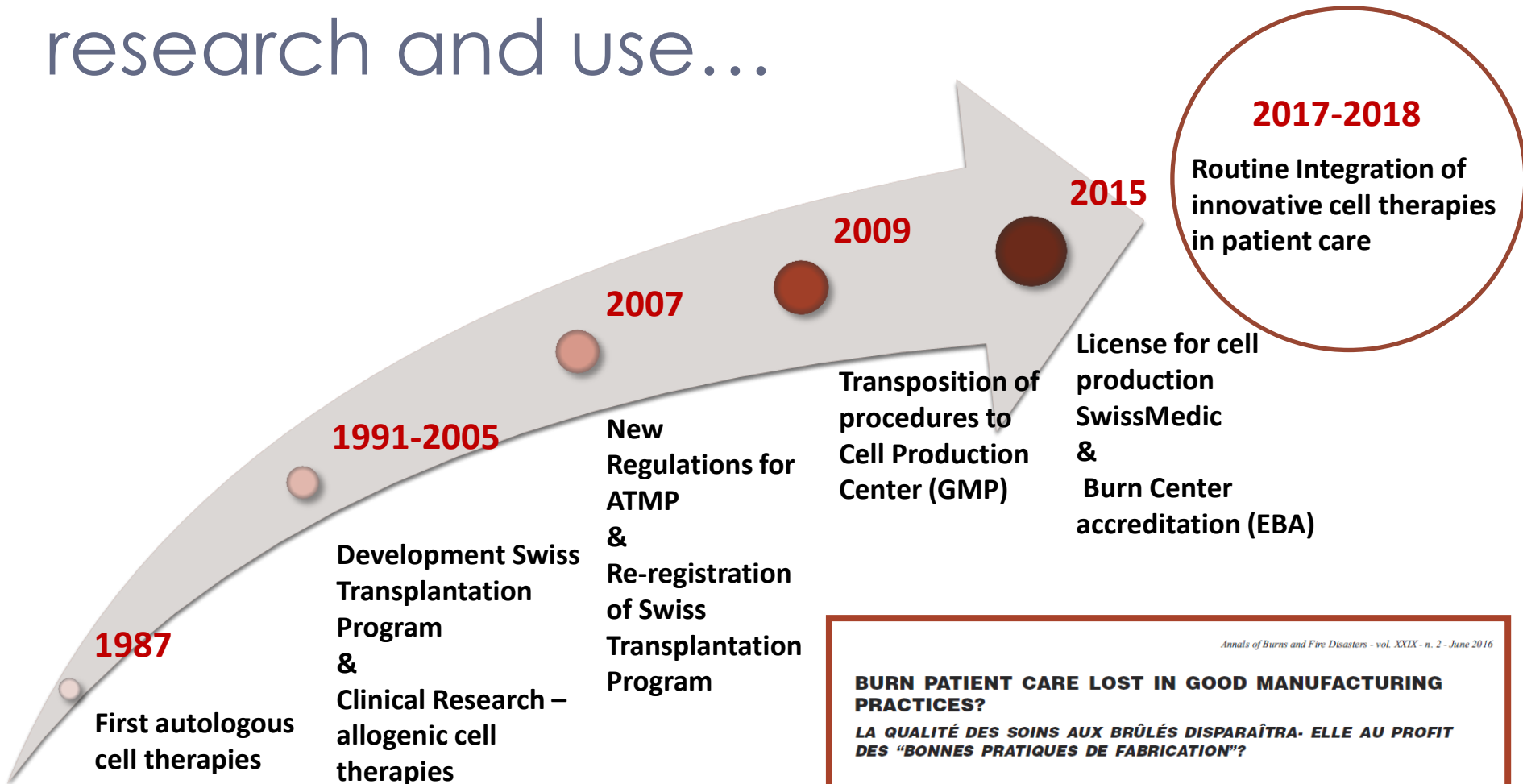
- Cadaver skin replacement
- Preparation of graft sites
- Treatment of donor graft sites
  - Formulation and delivery
- Stimulation of mesh grafts « sandwich technique »



# Cell therapies – Co-cultures are the future!

- Necessary for epidermal cover
- Role in optimal reconstruction of skin
- Role in soft tissue and appendix reconstruction
  - Hair follicles
  - Sebaceous glands
  - Nerves
  - ...

# From the laboratory to clinical research and use...



## **BURN PATIENT CARE LOST IN GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES?**

**LA QUALITÉ DES SOINS AUX BRÛLÉS DISPARAÎTRA- ELLE AU PROFIT DES "BONNES PRATIQUES DE FABRICATION"?**

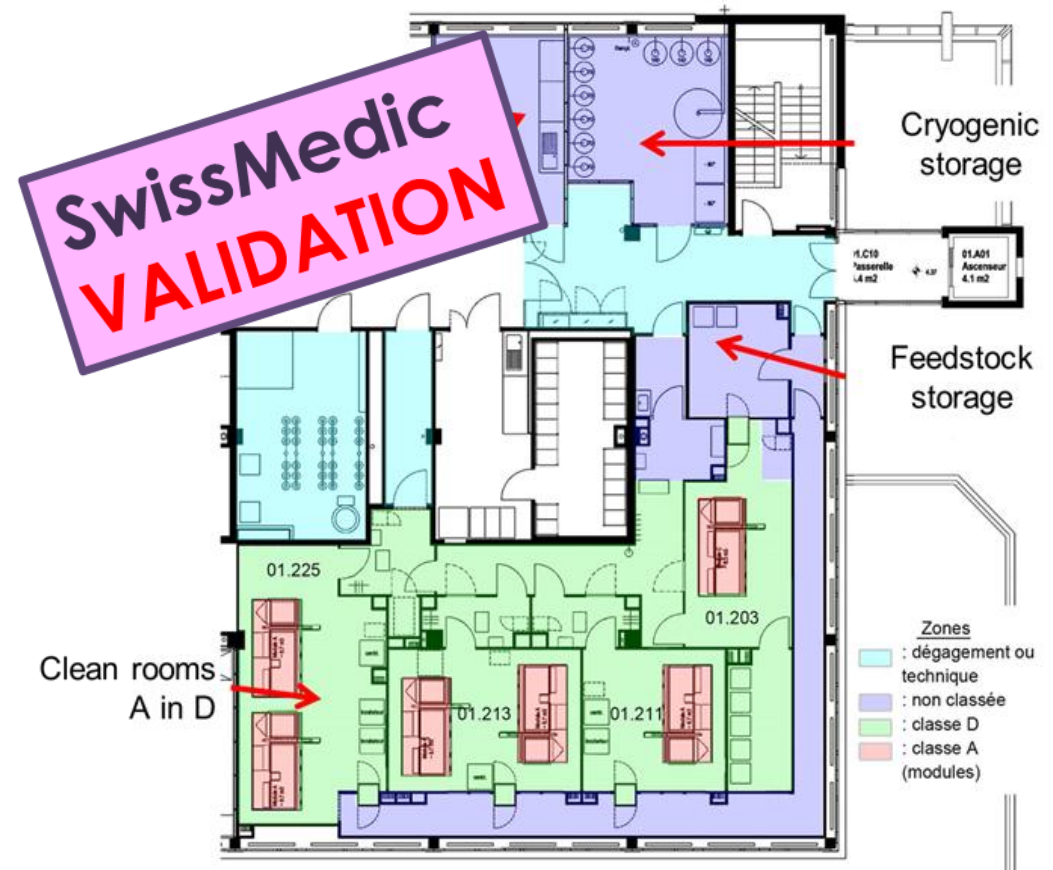
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# Cell Therapies infrastructure- GMP obligation





# New Generation of Cell Therapy Formulations

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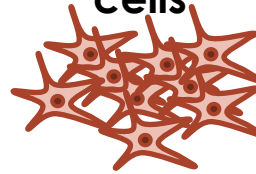
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**B5 PLATFORM**  
**B**andages  
**B**iologic  
**B**iodegradable  
anti-**B**acterial  
For **B**urns

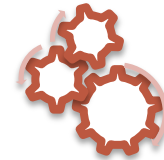
### NEW FORMULATIONS

Cells

Progenitor skin  
cells

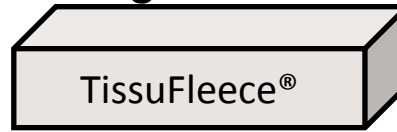


Transfection with  
antimicrobial peptides



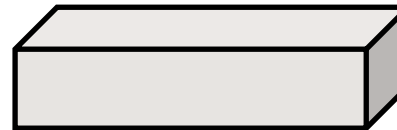
Scaffold

Collagen Matrix



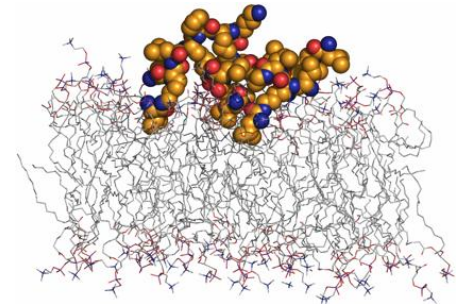
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Chitosan Matrix



**Chitofoams**

Integration of dendritic  
antimicrobial Peptides



Anti-Virulence = Anti-Quorum Sensing  
Metal or Metal Chelators  
Antibiotics

# Projet SwissTransMed : B<sup>5</sup>



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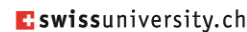
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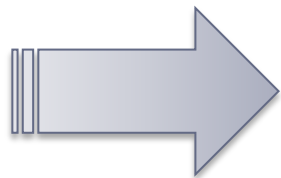


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**Translating Fundamental mechanisms  
to the clinic**

# First Formulation Chosen

- AMPDs might improve burn-wound healing by increasing **angiogenesis** and **cell migration** as characterized in vitro

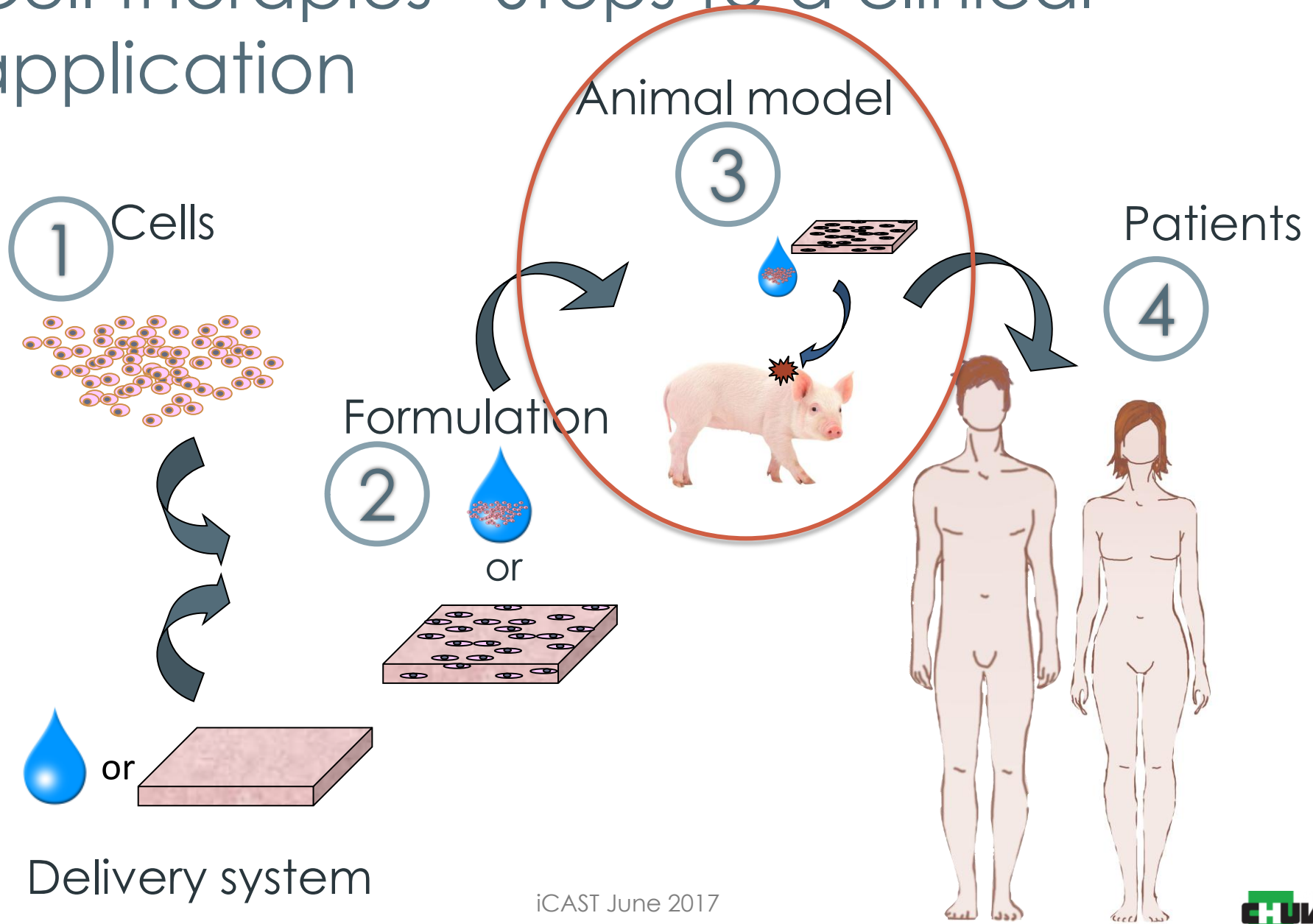
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# Cell therapies - Steps to a clinical application





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