AO CMF Masters Course—Orthognathic Surgery, Challenges and Controversies

December 8—11, 2019
Davos, Switzerland

Lecture room: Pischa/Parsenn
The AO’s flagship educational event, the AO Davos Courses offer surgeons at all stages of their career outstanding educational and networking opportunities. Experience this pioneering spirit of peer-to-peer collaboration and learn skills that will help advance your career.
Mission
The AO’s mission is promoting excellence in patient care and outcomes in trauma and musculoskeletal disorders.

Purpose statement
Our goal is to promote excellence in facial surgery across the specialties through teaching and learning, combined with research and development.

The AO principles of fracture management

1. Fracture reduction and fixation to restore anatomical relationships.
2. Fracture fixation providing absolute or relative stability, as required by the “personality” of the fracture, the patient, and the injury.
3. Preservation of the blood supply to soft-tissues and bone by gentle reduction techniques and careful handling.
4. Early and safe mobilization and rehabilitation of the injured part and the patient as a whole.
Welcome
Dear AO CMF course participant,

AO CMF provides a wide range of relevant courses designed to meet your specific professional needs—and we are confident that you will find your course and the networking experiences professionally rewarding.

With a global reputation for innovation, leadership, and excellence in continuing medical education (CME), AO CMF and the AO Education Institute are transforming education by expanding the educational activities available to you. CME is not just about face-to-face courses. Our educational opportunities address the specific clinical problems that you encounter daily. Visit our website (www.aocmf.org) to discover the latest educational activities.

At the AO Davos Courses 2019, AO CMF offers you a chance to actively engage in your course as well as opportunities to:
- Interact with over 30 international faculty.
- Expand your professional network by establishing contacts and new relationships with colleagues, including faculty and participants from over 80 countries.
- Meet with staff and surgeons from the AO’s clinical divisions, institutes, and initiatives.
- Visit the AO experience or take a tour of our headquarters, the AO center, to gain insight into the AO’s ongoing activities and resources available to support you in your clinical work.
- Experience the AO spirit of collegiality and camaraderie that is felt by participants and faculty alike.

Your current level of knowledge, attitudes, and skills will be challenged throughout the week. At the same time, our best-in-class curriculum and faculty will provide you with a memorable learning experience that will remain with you for a lifetime.

Your experiences with us over the next few days will result in the realization of new and meaningful knowledge, skills, and understanding that we hope will translate into improved patient care.

We wish you an outstanding learning experience and if you are not already an AO CMF member, we invite you during this week to join the community and stay in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Fryer
Chair, AO CMF Masters Courses 2019

Ignacio Ismael García Recuero
Chair, AO CMF Masters Courses 2019
Course description
This three and a half day course focuses on state-of-the-art techniques and best practices at a master’s level in orthognathic surgery. Emerging technologies and clinical controversies in orthognathics are addressed. Using human anatomical specimens, surgical access techniques are developed and chin wing, Le Fort I, and BSSO type Obwegeser osteotomies are performed. Patient cases and outcomes are addressed with expert faculty in small group discussions.
This course is delivered using a combination of small group discussions, plenary cases, exercises with human anatomical specimens or other simulation materials, and summary presentations. All activities are moderated by expert faculty in a highly interactive learning environment. Participants are encouraged to discuss the cases and content in an open manner and to share their own experiences.

Goal of the course
This AO CMF Masters Course focuses on state-of-the-art techniques and best practices at a master’s level. Emerging technologies will be practiced and clinical controversies will be addressed.

Target participants
This course is for certified surgeons and doctors nearing the end of their training in surgery across the craniomaxillofacial specialties (including oral and maxillofacial surgery, ENT, head and neck and plastic, it is targeted at participants who want to improve their knowledge or specialization in the management of complex patient problems in the field of CMF reconstruction.

Learning objectives
Upon completion of the course, the participant will be able to:
- Perform a complete workflow for computer assisted planning in orthognathic surgery
- Discuss the latest advances and controversies in surgical orthodontics
- Discuss how to improve aesthetics with genioplasty, chin wing procedures, malarplasty and adjunctive soft-tissue procedures
- Discuss sequencing for bimaxillary surgery, splintless surgery and distraction osteogenesis (DO) vs conventional osteotomies.
- Develop a plan to deal with complications and relapse
- Identify and treat specific problems such as anterior open bite, idiopathic condylar resorption, alterations of the occlusal plane, and arch width discrepancies
- Perform chin wing and Le Fort I and III osteotomies
- Discuss the pros and cons of surgery first approach
Chairpersons

Ignacio Ismael García Recuero  
Hospital Infantil Universitario (H.I.U) Niño Jesús, Madrid, Spain

Mike Leung  
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Sabine Girod  
Stanford University Medical Center, USA

Florian Thieringer  
University Hospital Basel, Basel, Switzerland

International faculty

Benedicta Beck-Broichsitter  
Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin  
Berlin, Germany

Fernando Briceño  
Private Practice  
Bogota, Colombia

Daniel Buchbinder  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
New York, USA

Rui Fernandes  
University of Florida College of Medicine, Florida  
Jacksonville, USA

Maarten Koudstaal  
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Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Gerson Mast  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
München, Germany

Dennis Rohner  
Craniofacial Center, Hirslanden Medical Center  
Aarau, Switzerland

René Rojas Sánchez  
Clinica Santa Maria  
Santiago, Chile

Gregorio Sánchez Aniceto  
12 de Octubre University Hospital  
Madrid, Spain

Salam Salman  
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Jacksonville, USA

Aranzazu Senosiain  
Orthodontist Clinic  
Madrid, Spain

Patricia Stoor  
Helsinki University Central Hospital  
Helsinki, Finland

Xudong Wang  
The Ninth People’s Hospital, School of Medicine Shanghai Jiaotong University,  
Shanghai, China

Eppo Wolvius  
Erasmus Medical Center, Centrallocation  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Special guests

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University Hospital Basel  
Basel, Switzerland

Sharma Neha  
University Hospital Basel  
Basel, Switzerland

Matthias Ureel  
University Hospital Basel  
Basel, Switzerland

Martijn Orye  
Materialise  
Leuven, Belgium

Antonia Wiedemann  
Materialise  
Leuven, Belgium

Maarten Zandbergen  
Materialise  
Leuven, Belgium
# Sunday
December 8, 2019

**Location: Pischa/Parsenn**

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<td>07:45–08:00</td>
<td>Opening of the AO CMF Masters Courses (joint session for all two courses)</td>
<td>Lynne Fryer, Ignacio Ismael García Recuero</td>
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<td>08:00–08:10</td>
<td>AO CMF membership and activities</td>
<td>Gregorio Sánchez Aniceto</td>
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<td>08:10–08:20</td>
<td>Welcome to day 1, introduction of the faculty, course objectives</td>
<td>Florian Thieringer, Sabine Girod</td>
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## Module 1
**Moderator: Sabine Girod**

**3D planning and 3D printing in craniomaxillofacial surgery**

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<td>Software solutions for virtual surgical planning and other applications</td>
<td>Sabine Girod</td>
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<td>08:45–09:15</td>
<td>Technical basics, imaging and segmentation printing technologies, preparation of virtual data for the production of 3D models</td>
<td>Florian Thieringer</td>
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<td>09:15–09:30</td>
<td>Coffee break and break out into separate groups</td>
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## Module 2
**Moderator: Sabine Girod**

**Hands-on practical 3D printing exercises and small group discussions on clinical applications**

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<td>Group 1 (Strela/Rinerhorn) Orthognathic 3D printing practical</td>
<td>Maarten Koudstaal, Salam Salman</td>
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<td>Group 2 (Landwasser) Small group discussion clinical application</td>
<td>Fernando Briceño, Benedicta Beck-Broichsitter</td>
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<td>Group 3 (Landwasser) Small group discussion clinical application</td>
<td>Patricia Stoor, Dennis Rohner</td>
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<td>Group 4 (Landwasser) Small group discussion clinical application</td>
<td>Xudong Wang, Mike Leung</td>
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**AO TC Meet the Experts Webcast**

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<td>Patient Specific Procedures in CMF—State-of-the-art</td>
<td>Daniel Buchbinder, Damir Matic</td>
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### Module 3
**Moderator:** Sabine Girod  
**Hands-on practical 3D computer planning in orthognathic surgery**

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| 12:45-15:15| **Practical exercise, 3D computer planning for orthognathic surgery**  
- Introduction  
- Case selection orthognathic | Sabine Girod, Martijn Orye, Patricia Stoor, Dennis Rohner, Lynne Fryer, Xudong Wang |
| 15:15-15:30| Coffee break                                                  |                                                   |

### Module 4
**Moderators:** Sabine Girod, Florian Thieringer  
**3D planning and printing—indications and limitations**

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| 15:30-16:50| **Group discussion**  
AO CMF ON AIR—3D planning and printing—indications and limitations | Sabine Girod, Florian Thieringer, Maarten Koudstaal, Patricia Stoor, Susana Heredero, Daniel Buchbinder |

### Location: Broadcasting studio and Pischa/Parsenn

17:00-19:00  
Opening Ceremony and Founders' Reception
### Location: Davos Hospital (all day)

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<td>Transfer to Davos hospital (Meeting point: Main entrance congress center)</td>
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### Module 5

**Moderators:** Ignacio Ismael García Recuero, Mike Leung  
**Hands-on practical exercises with human anatomical specimens**

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<td>Introduction to the laboratory</td>
<td>Roger Zobrist</td>
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<td>08:00-10:30</td>
<td>Le-Fort I, multiple osteotomies, intraoperative imaging (C-ARM)</td>
<td>Mike Leung, Fernando Briceño, Gerson Mast</td>
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<td>10:30-10:50</td>
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<td>10:50-13:00</td>
<td>Mandible “L Inverted” and Genioplasty (Chin wing and others)</td>
<td>Dennis Rohner, Patricia Stoor, Benedicta Beck-Broichsitter</td>
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<td>How to Plan and Perform CMF Distraction</td>
<td>Alberto Rocha Pereira,</td>
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<td>Le-Fort III and intraoperative imaging</td>
<td>Ignacio Ismael García Recuero, Maarten Koudstaal, René Rojas Sánchez</td>
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<td>16:15-17:15</td>
<td>Reduction malarplasty techniques</td>
<td>Xudong Wang, Mike Leung, Salam Salman</td>
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<td>17:15-17:30</td>
<td>Summary of the day</td>
<td>Ignacio Ismael García Recuero, Mike Leung</td>
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<td>Return to the congress center</td>
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<td>AO Davos Courses night</td>
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**Tuesday**

**December 10, 2019**

**Location: Picha**

**Module 6**  
**Moderators:** Ignacio Ismael García Recuero, Mike Leung  
**Surgery first**

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<td>Objectives of the day</td>
<td>Ignacio Ismael García Recuero, Mike Leung</td>
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<td>Surgery first, orthodontics considerations. How to avoid pitfalls?</td>
<td>Aranzazu Senosiain</td>
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<td>09:10–10:00</td>
<td>Surgery first approach debate</td>
<td>Dennis Rhoner (surgery first), Xudong Wang (not surgery first)</td>
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<td><strong>Round Table discussion</strong></td>
<td>Fernando Briceño, Salam Salman</td>
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<td><strong>Surgery First Approach—treatment plan case of surgery first</strong></td>
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**Module 7**  
**Moderator:** Patricia Stoor  
**Orthognathic surgery in sleep apnea patient**

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<td>Advances in role of orthognathic surgery for OSA (obstructive sleep apnea) patient</td>
<td>René Rojas Sánchez</td>
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<td>Indications for distraction osteogenesis in OSA (obstructive sleep apnea) patient</td>
<td>Maarten Koudstaal</td>
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<td>Complications related to orthognathic and sleep surgery</td>
<td>Sabine Girod</td>
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<td><strong>Round table discussions</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)—treatment plan</strong></td>
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**Module 8**  
**Moderator:** Fernando Briceño  
**Maxilla first vs mandible first**

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<td>Maxilla first vs mandible first from orthodontic point of view</td>
<td>Aranzazu Senosiain</td>
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<td>14:30–15:15</td>
<td>Maxilla or mandible first surgery debate</td>
<td>Moderator: Eppo Wolvius, Salam Salman, Gerson Mast</td>
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**Location: Sertig**

**Module 9**  
**Moderator:** Maarten Koudstaal  
**Practical exercises on 3D bone models with patient specific implants**

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<td><strong>Practical exercises on 3D bone models with patient specific implants—orthognathic</strong></td>
<td>Benedicta Beck-Broichsitter, Salam Salman, Eppo Wolvius, Florian Thieringer, All Faculty</td>
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<td><strong>Keynote:</strong> Management of gunshot wounds to the head and neck Rui Fernandes</td>
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**Location: Pischa**

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<td>Condylar pathology in orthognathic patient Patricia Stoor</td>
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<td>TMJ reconstruction and orthognathic surgery Ignacio Ismael García Recuero</td>
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<td>Orthognathic surgery in cleft patients Eppo Wolvius</td>
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<td>Complications in orthognathic surgery (Segmental Le-Fort 1 and BSSO) Dennis Rohner</td>
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<td>Round table discussions Orthognathic complications (Le-Fort 1-BSSO) All faculty Gerson Mast, Dennis Rohner</td>
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<td>Asymmetries lecture Eppo Wolvius</td>
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AO funding sources
Unrestricted educational grants from different sources are collected and pooled together centrally by the AO.
All events are planned and scheduled by local and regional AO surgeon groups based on local needs assessments.
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Event venue and opening times

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General information
Sunday 09:00-17:00
Monday through Tuesday 09:00-18:30 (Monday-20:30)
Wednesday 08:00-17:00

The AO experience
Sunday 09:00-17:00
Monday 09:00-20:30
Tuesday 09:00-18:30
Wednesday 09:00-17:00

Industry exhibition
Sunday 09:00-17:00
Monday through Thursday 09:00-18:30
Friday 09:00-17:00
Exhibitions

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We thank our trusted partner DePuy Synthes, and Siemens, for contributing in-kind support (materials and logistics) without which this event would not be possible. A special thanks to DePuy Synthes and Siemens for providing an unrestricted educational grant for this event.

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- Printer access
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  AO Davos Courses website offering course-related information

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Event information

**Event fee**
AO CMF Masters Course—Orthognathic Surgery, Challenges and Controversies: CHF 3,650
The event fee covers the conference bag, documentation, coffee breaks, lunches, participation in AO Davos Courses night, and the course certificate.

**European CME Accreditation**
For this course the UEMS-EACCME® in Brussels have granted 24 European CME credits (ECMEC).

**Swiss CME Accreditation**
Additionally, an application has been made to the following Swiss society: Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Chirurgie (SGC/SSC)

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The event organization does not take out insurance to cover any individual against accident, theft, or other risks.

**Use of mobile phones**
Use of mobile phones is not permitted in the lecture halls or in other rooms during educational activities. Please be considerate of others by turning off your mobile phone.

**Picture Gallery**
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**Dress code**
Warm clothes and suitable shoes are recommended.
Principles of AO educational events

1. **Academic independence**
   Development of all curricula, design of scientific event programs, and selection of faculty are the sole responsibilities of volunteer AO network surgeons. All education is planned based on needs assessment data, designed and evaluated using concepts and evidence from the most current medical education research, and reflects the expertise of the AO Education Institute (www.aofoundation.org).
   Industry participation is not allowed during the entire curriculum development and planning process to ensure academic independence and to keep content free from bias.

2. **Compliance to accreditation and industry codes**
   All planning, organization, and execution of educational activities follow existing codes for accreditation of high-quality education:
   - Accreditation Criteria of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, US (www.accme.org)
   - ACCME Standards for Commercial Support: Standards to Ensure Independence in CME Activities (www.accme.org)
   - Criteria for Accreditation of Live Educational Events of the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (www.uems.eu)

   Events that receive direct or indirect unrestricted educational grants or in-kind support from industry also follow the ethical codes of the medical industry, such as:
   - Eucomed Guidelines on Interactions with Healthcare Professionals (www.medtecheurope.org)
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3. **Branding and advertising**
   No industry logos or advertising (apart from the AO Foundation and its clinical divisions) are permitted in the area where educational activities take place.
   Sponsors providing financial or in-kind support are allowed to have a promotional booth or run activities outside the educational area with approval from the event chairperson.

4. **Use of technologies and products in simulations**
   In case simulations are chosen as an educational method to educate skills, we only use technology approved by the AO Technical Commission—a large independent group of volunteer surgeons developing and peer reviewing new technology.
   More information about the AO Technical Commission and its development and approval processes can be found on the AO’s website: www.aofoundation.org.

5. **Personnel**
   Industry staff members are not permitted to interfere with the educational content or engage in educational activities during the event.
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Mission
The AO mission is promoting excellence in patient care and outcomes in trauma and musculoskeletal disorders.

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In its work to further the AO mission, ARI's purpose is to advance patient care through innovative orthopedic research and development.

Orthopedics concerns musculoskeletal, spine and craniomaxillofacial trauma, degenerative musculoskeletal diseases, infections, and congenital disorders.

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- Investigate and improve the performance of surgical procedures, devices and substances.
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- Provide research environment/support/training for AO clinicians.

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- Annulus fibrosus rupture
- Acute cartilage injury
- Osteochondral defect

Craniomaxillofacial
- Imaging and planning of surgery, computer aided preoperative planning
- Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw
- Bone regeneration and 3D printing

Spine
- Degeneration and regeneration of the intervertebral disc
- Biomarkers and patient outcomes

Trauma
- Bone infection, including the development and testing of active anti-infective interventions
- Sensing implants for objective monitoring of fracture healing
- Development of smart surgical tools
- New implant concepts for optimized bone healing
- Prediction of subject-specific risk of proximal humeral fixation failure via computational tools
- Development of generic Asian pelvic bone model
- Patient outcomes and biomarkers

Veterinary medicine
- Improving osteosynthesis for small and large animals

Multidisciplinary
- 3R principles: refinement of preclinical studies
- Bioreactor culture systems and mechanobiology
- Development, standardization, optimization, and improvement of preclinical models and methods
- Ex vivo testing using advanced biomechanical models
- Gene transfer: non-viral and viral
- Implant design using the finite element methods
- Implant positioning assistance, C-arm guided implant placement
- In-vivo and in-vitro quantification of bone turnover and scaffold degradation
- Medical additive manufacturing and biofabrication
- Medical computed tomography (CT) image processing and analysis
- Polymers to deliver cells and biological factors, create potential space for tissue development, and guide the process of tissue regeneration
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