

# PD233: Design of Biomedical Devices and Systems

(Lecture-13 Medical Implants and Prosthesis)

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# Medical Implant

- **Medical implants** are devices or tissues that are placed inside or on the surface of the body.
- Many implants are **prosthetics**, intended to replace missing body parts.
- Other implants deliver medication, monitor body functions, or provide support to organs and tissues.
- **Orthotic devices** are applied to body to stabilize or immobilize body part, improve alignment, prevent deformity etc.

# Examples:

## Orthopaedic implants

Knee

Hip

Shoulder



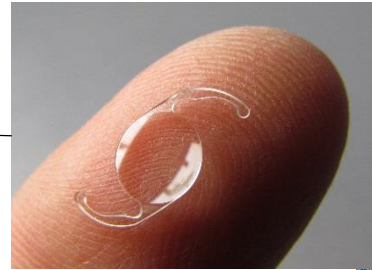
## Ophthalmologic

Intraocular lens

Contact lens

Retinal Surgery Implant

Prosthesis after Enucleation



# Examples:

Cardiovascular implants

Vascular graft

Heart valves

Pacemakers



Reconstructive

Breast prostheses

Nose

Dental



Via Dr. Vibha Shetty



Orthotic Devices:

Foot Orthotic

Braces and Supports for  
kids with special needs



# Factors affecting implant performance

**Wear   Micro-motion   Stress-Shielding**

Fit

Fixation

Stiffness

Performance over the lifetime  
of the implants need to be  
studied

M Spector, MIT

For more details See [https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mechanical-engineering/2-782j-design-of-medical-devices-and-implants-spring-2006/lecture-notes/ch6\\_implant.pdf](https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mechanical-engineering/2-782j-design-of-medical-devices-and-implants-spring-2006/lecture-notes/ch6_implant.pdf)

# Biomaterial Choices for Implants

Biomaterial : Any substance (other than a drug) or combination of substances, synthetic or natural in origin, which can be used at any period of time as a whole or in part of a system which treats, augments or place any tissue, organ or function of the body.

-Boretos and Eden, 1984

Depending on duration of use:

**Non-absorbable** materials for permanent implants

**Absorbable** materials for tissue scaffolds

Primary types of materials

Metallic (titanium, stainless steel)

Ceramics (ceramics, calcium phosphate, hydroxy apatite)

Covalent (polymers, biological macromolecules)

# Metallic Biomaterials

## Stainless steel

Fe-Cr-Ni-Mo-C...

+Strength

+ease of manf.

+availability

-potential of  
corrosion

-high elasticity  
modulus

## Cobalt Chromium

Co-Cr-Mo-Ni...

+Strength

+Rel. wear resistance

-high modulus of  
elasticity

## Titanium Alloy

Ti-Al-V-Fe

+Strength

+low elasticity  
modulus

+Corrosion  
resistance

-low wear  
resistance



# Ceramics

- Compounds of metal and non-metallic elements
  - Alumina (Aluminium oxide)
  - Zirconia (Zirconium oxide)
  - Chromium Oxide
  - Titanium Oxide
- Dense/Hard starch resistant
- Can be polished to ultra smooth surface

# Oxinium

- New metal alloy (Zirconium and niobium) developed for implants that has a ceramic surface produced by a special oxidation process.

+scratch resistance

+low modulus

Combines advantages of metal alloys and ceramic materials

# Polymer materials

(non-absorbing biomaterials)

UHMWPE (Ultra High Molecular Weight Poly-Ethelene)

PMMA (Poly-methyl methacrylate)

PEEK (Polyether ether ketone) ← 3D printable

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# Absorbable biomaterials (synthetic)

- Polylactic acid and Polyglycolic acid
- Polycarbonates
- Polydioxanones
- Polyphosphazenes
- Poly(anhydrides)
- Poly(orthoesters)
- ...

# Absorbable biomaterials (natural)

- Collagen
- Collagen-GAG copolymer
- Albumin
- Fibrin
- Hyaluronic acid
- Cellulose