

# Research in Biomedical Engineering



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Biomedical engineering is a rapidly growing area of research in Chemical Engineering. Chemical engineers have traditionally played a significant role in medical research and practice. Research in biomedical engineering that involves chemical engineers includes tissue engineering, drug delivery, clinical therapies and materials synthesis, modification and fabrication to name but a few. The human body can be considered as a complex chemical processing facility. Thus, chemical engineers can apply their expertise in fluid flow, heat transfer, mass transfer and modeling to the human body to solve a myriad of important real-life problems. Examples include kidney dialysis, the design of artificial organs, drug patches and optimization of drug delivery systems.



## Experts

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## Partners

- \* University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine
- \* Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- \* National Research Council
- \* JR Laboratory

## Some Current Projects

- \* Nerve regeneration in both central nervous and peripheral nervous systems
- \* Polymeric scaffold for tissue engineering, drug and cell delivery
- \* Haemostatic materials for severe haemorrhage control
- \* Biomaterials for artificial corneas
- \* Micro-cytometers for fast pathogenic bacteria detection
- \* Process modeling and optimization of biomedical systems
- \* Tableting and encapsulation of pharmaceuticals
- \* Phosphate biomineralization.