

BIOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR BASIS OF IMPLANT TECHNOLOGY

Julio C Palmaz

The University of Texas, San
Antonio

Disclosures: Palmaz Scientific , Co

Vascular materials biocompatibility testing

Endothelial cell migration: Healing

Fibrinogen adsorption

Platelet adherence

Monocyte adherence

} Thrombo-
inflammatory

Material

Mean Thrombo-inflammatory score

EC migration

Overall score

| | | | |
|---------------------|------|---|------|
| Stainless Steel | 3.33 | 4 | 7.33 |
| Corethane | 3.00 | 3 | 6.00 |
| Elgiloy | 3.00 | 3 | 6.00 |
| Tantalum | 3.00 | 3 | 6.00 |
| Nitinol | 3.00 | 3 | 6.00 |
| Titanium | 2.67 | 3 | 5.67 |
| L605 | 2.33 | 3 | 5.33 |
| Pellethane | 3.00 | 2 | 5.00 |
| Nickel | 3.00 | 2 | 5.00 |
| Molybdenum | 1.67 | 3 | 4.67 |
| Silathane | 3.33 | 1 | 4.33 |
| PolyHEMA | 4.00 | 0 | 4.00 |
| PTFE | 4.00 | 0 | 4.00 |
| Silicon Carbide | 2.00 | 2 | 4.00 |
| Gold | 2.00 | 2 | 4.00 |
| Polyester | 2.00 | 2 | 4.00 |
| Chromium | 1.67 | 2 | 3.67 |
| PDMS | 3.67 | 0 | 3.67 |
| Cobalt | 2.00 | 1 | 3.00 |
| Iron | 2.00 | 1 | 3.00 |
| Diamond-like Carbon | 1.33 | 1 | 2.33 |
| Manganese | 1.00 | 0 | 1.00 |
| Turbostratic Carbon | 1.00 | 0 | 1.00 |

Comparison of new and old vascular materials:

- New materials equivalent to traditional ones
- No material with outstanding properties at present

Implantable vascular prosthetics

Choices of materials by convenience

Surgical prosthetic polymers

Metals for intravascular stents

Drugs for delivery systems

Designing for a targeted effect

Potent

Specific

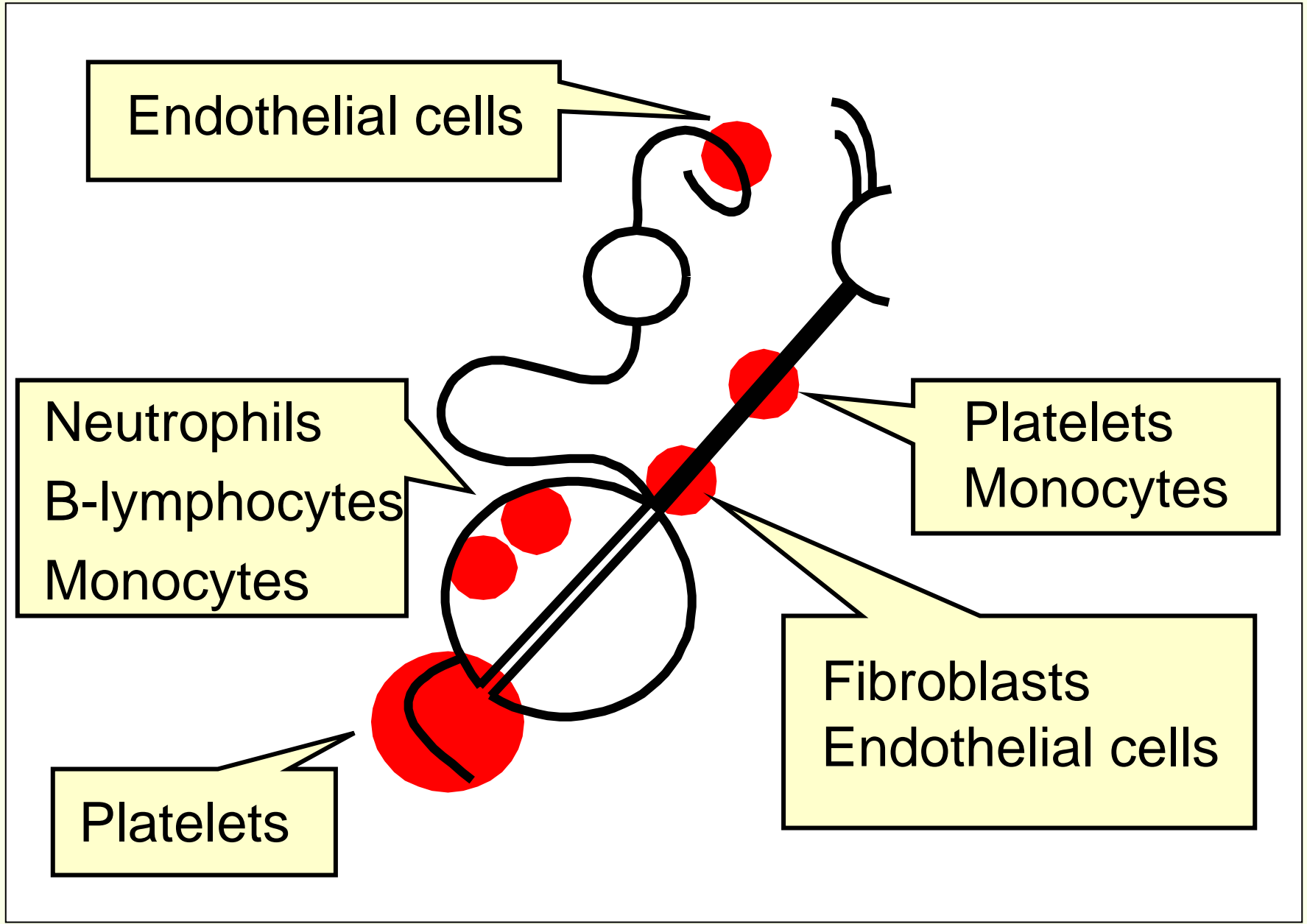
Selective

Difficult and expensive

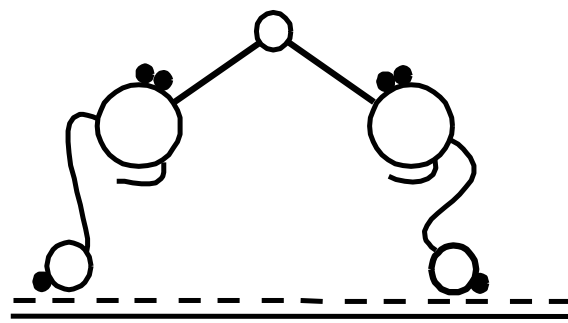
Designing a nanomolecular smart surface

Starts by understanding
the target molecule

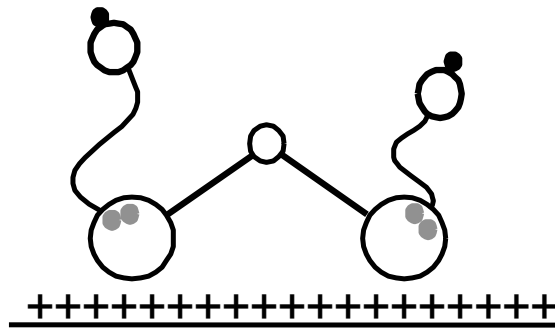
Fibrinogen ligand sites



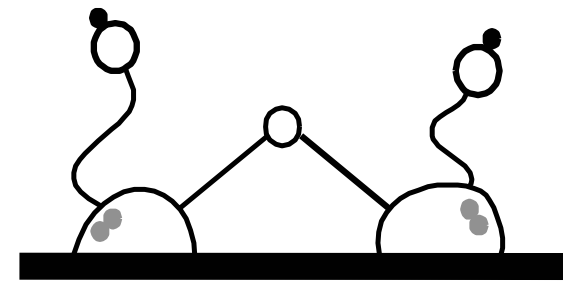
Fibrinogen molecular conformation and ligand exposure



polar negative

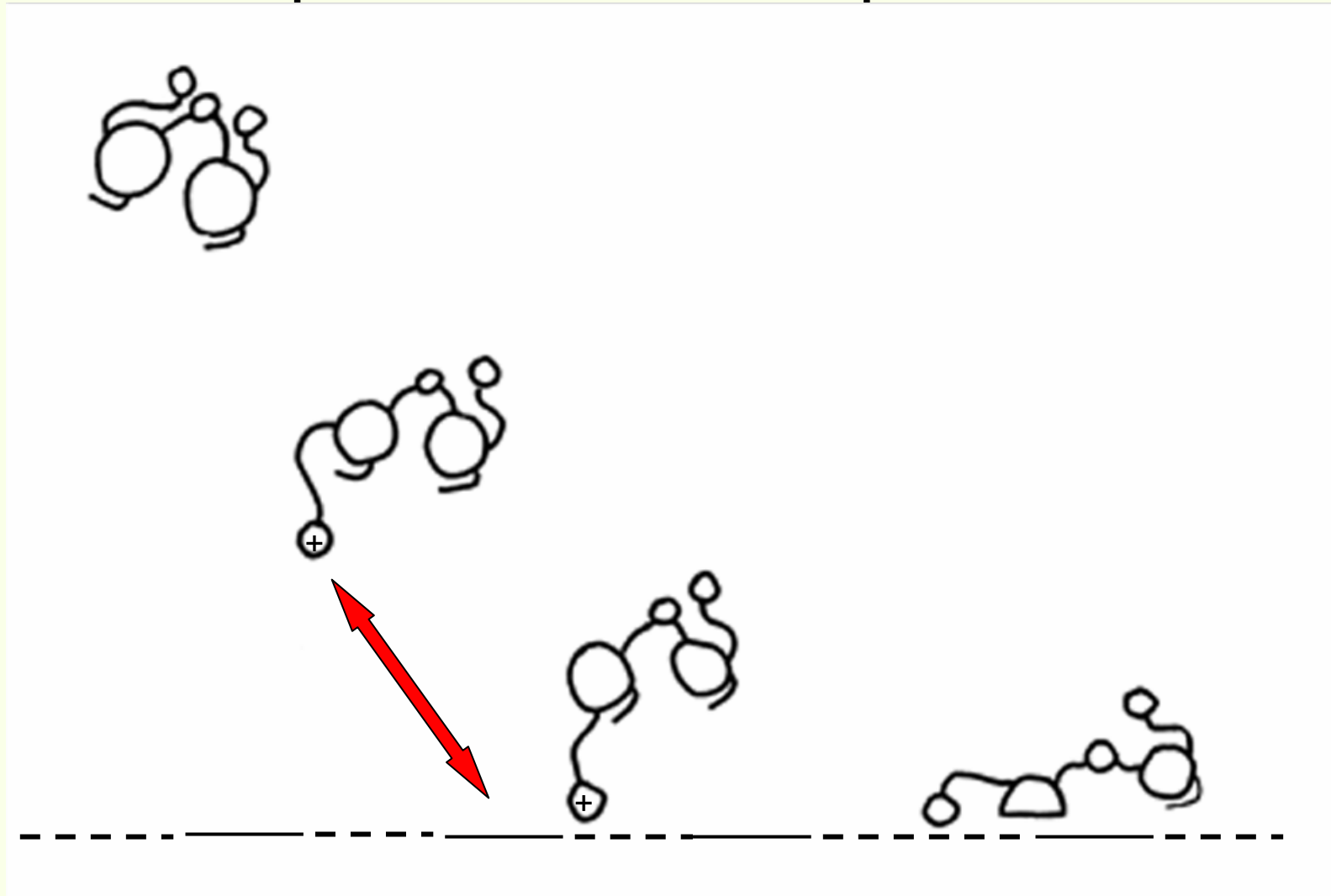


polar positive



non-polar

Nano-engineering basis for promoting capture of adhesive protein



Engineered surfaces

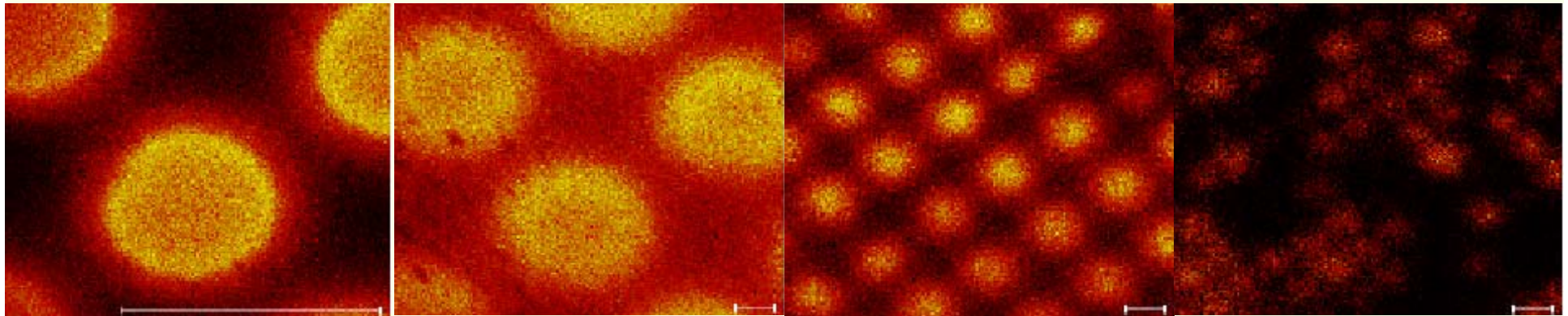
Stainless steel dots on hydrated silicon

50X50um

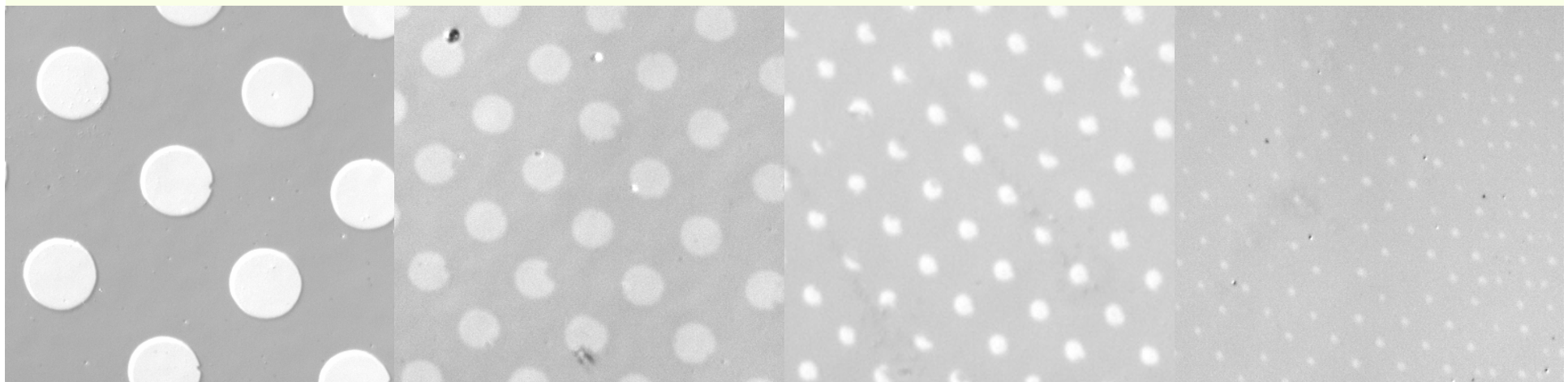
25X25 μ m

15X15 μ m

5X5 μ m



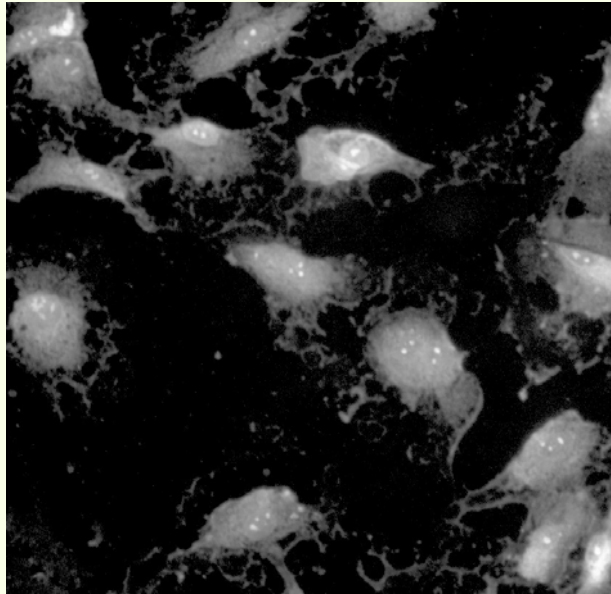
Chromium scan



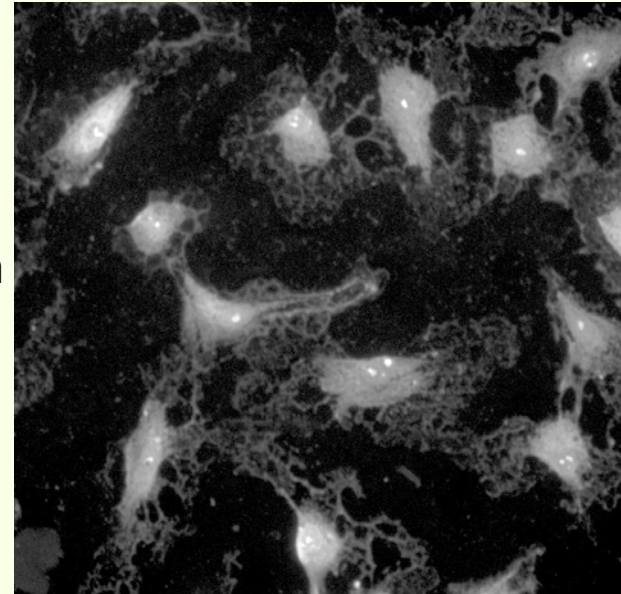
Epi-illumination microscopy

Cell area is inversely related to dot area

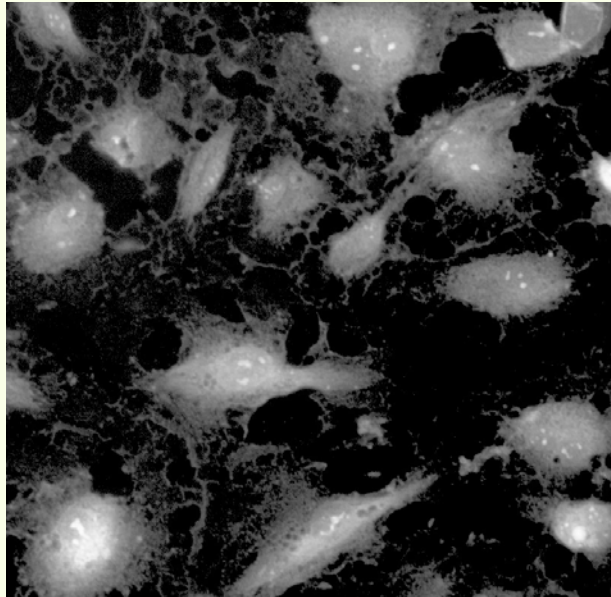
50X50um



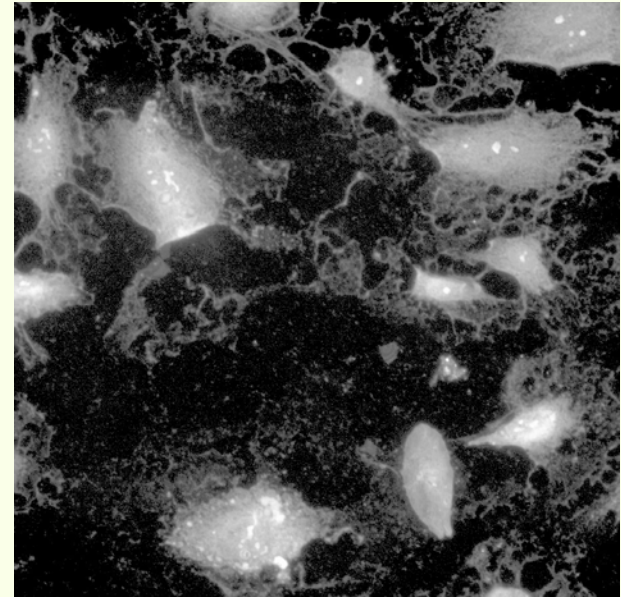
25X25 μ m



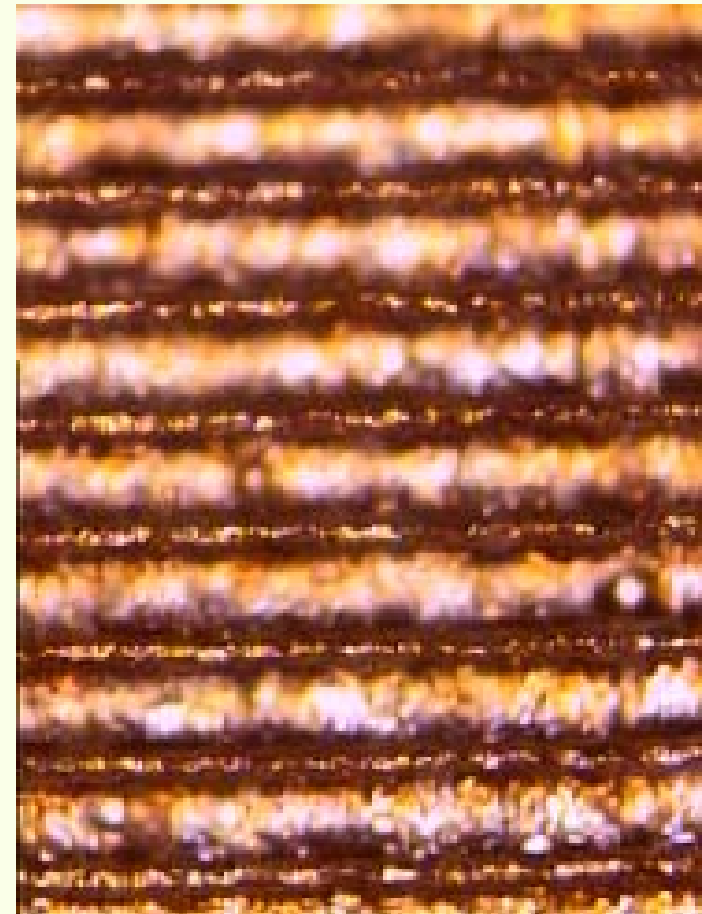
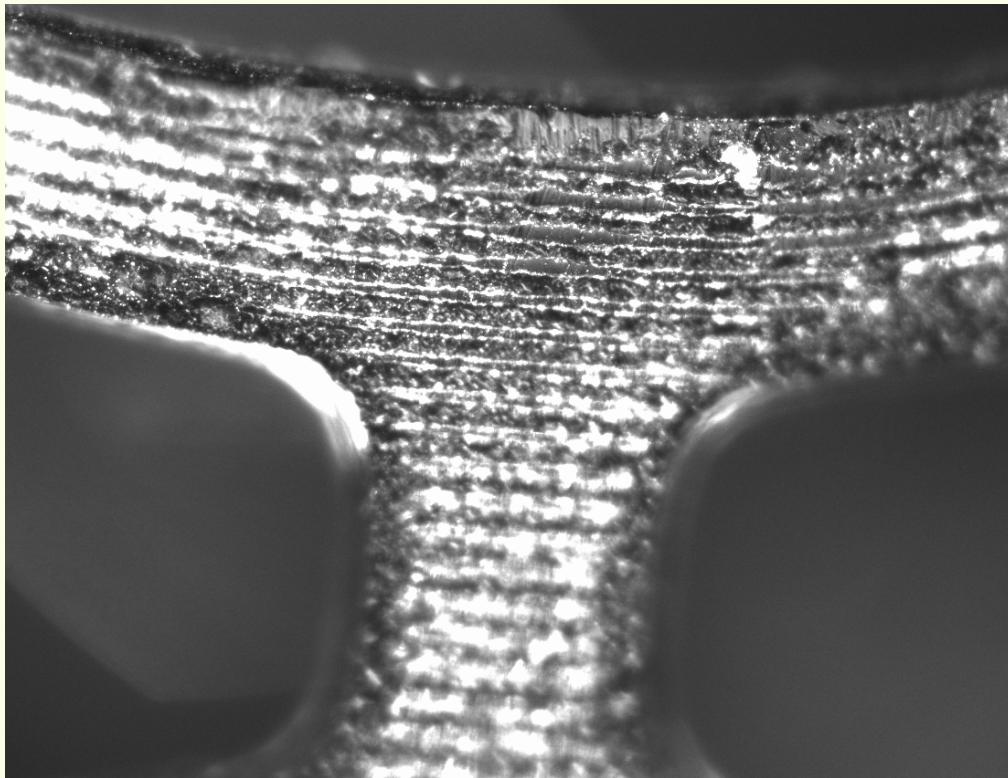
15X15 μ m

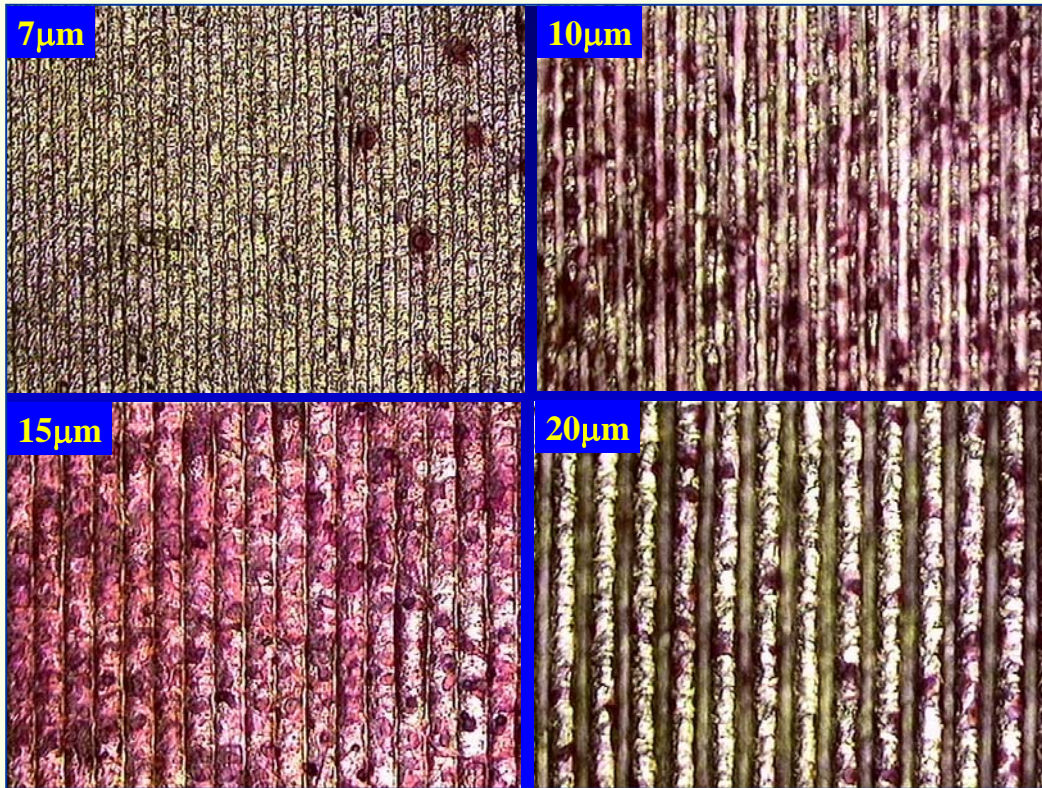


5X5 μ m

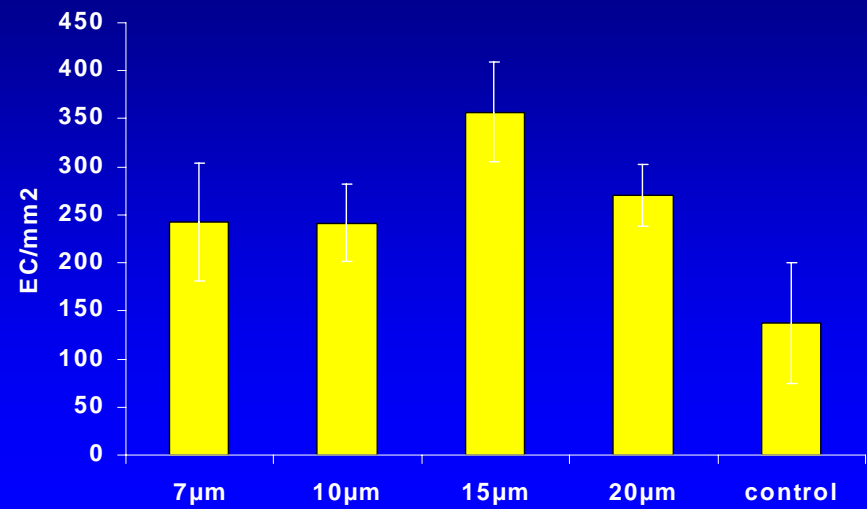


Microtexturing of blood contact surfaces for accelerated endothelialization



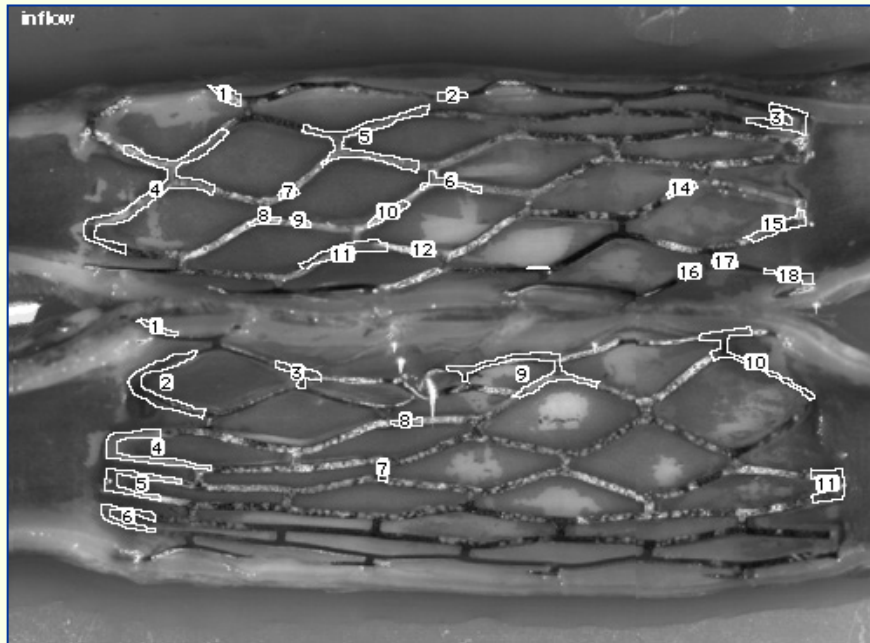


EC coverage under static conditions

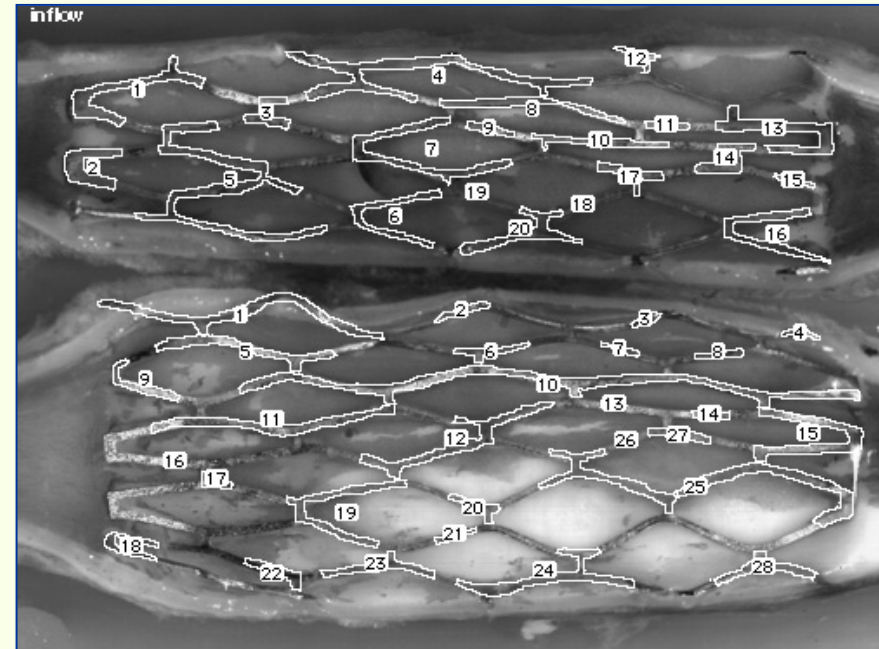


Endothelialization speed on plain and grooved stents

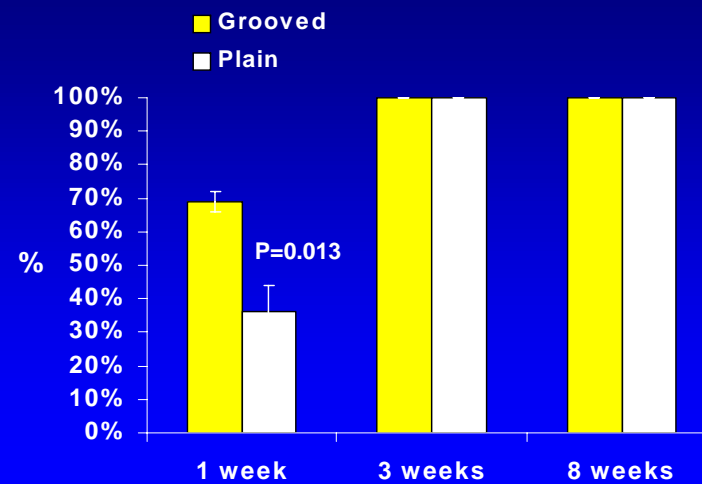
Plain



Grooved



EC Coverage on Stent Surfaces



Conclusions

Future innovations in vascular devices will be in surface science.

Nanotechnology will have a central role