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ORTHOPAEDIC BIOMECHANICS



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Our research mission is to develop <u>novel strategies to treat/and or</u> <u>prevent OSTEOARTHRITIS and LOW BACK PAIN</u>. We <u>characterize</u> the effects of mechanical loading, tissue structure, and degeneration on tissue <u>transport and electromechanical properties</u> as well as <u>cellular</u> viability and behavior.



Osteoarthritis and Meniscus Pathology



Osteoarthritic Knee Eroding Cartilage Bone Spurs

Measure effects of loading, degeneration, structure on: • Nutrient Transport • Electromechanics

Pathobiology

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How can we prevent the breakdown of orthopeadic soft tissues and related pain?

How do mechanical and nutritional factors contribute to tissue pathology?





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Low Back Pain and Disc Degeneration





Determine how cellular viability and activity are affected by:

- Nutrient supply
- Mechanical loading