

Natural or synthetic bone substitutes

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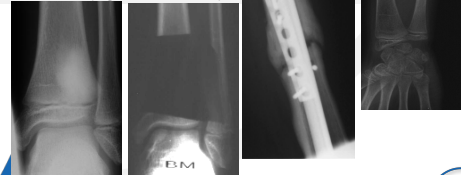


Need for bone substitution

Cavitary bone filler (metaphyseal defect, tumor,...)

Bone healing promoter (bone volume expander, delayed union,...)

Bone and joint replacement material (Segmental bone defect)



Bone Substitutes

Human

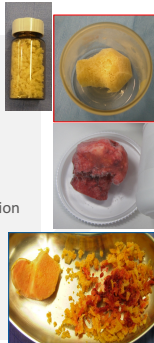
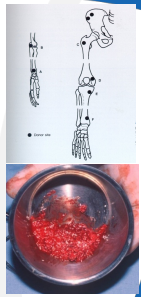
Bone auto- and allo-grafts

donor site morbidity
limited availability

risk of disease transmission
immune response

incomplete integration

Alternatives ?



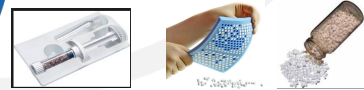
Bone Substitutes

Animal

Bone xenograft (Bovine/Coral)
Hydroxapatite (Endobon® ; ProOsteon®)

Synthetic

Calcium phosphate
Collagen (Healos® ; Collagraft®)
Calcium sulfate (Osteoset® ; Stimulan®)
Calcium silicate (bioglass) (Bonalive®)



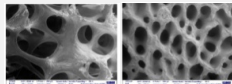
Animal bone substitutes

Bovine bone : anecdotal use (Isobone®, Lubbock®)

concerns about non-union
intense inflammation

Hydroxapatite from animal origin

Solvent and high temperature process (>1100 °C)
Bovine - Endobon® - animal origin bone structure
- concerns about porosity / remodeling



porosity (< 1 µm / > 0,2 mm)

Coral - ProOsteon® - calcium carbonate / thin HA layer
- interconnectivity



Filling material – dental applications

Biological degradation of the materials does not occur even during long-term follow-up.

Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Phosphate – World of ceramics

Calcium phosphate Ceramic

Calcium phosphate powder ; Process : calcination (<900°C),
compaction (high pressure), Sintering (1100-1500°C)

Porosity - microporosity : depending on physical parameters ; < 5 µm
- macroporosity : naphthalen ; high temperature sublimation ; > 100 µm

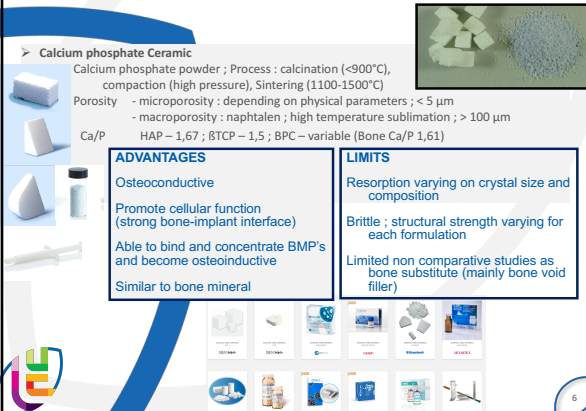
Ca/P HAP – 1,67 ; BTCP – 1,5 ; BPC – variable (Bone Ca/P 1,61)

ADVANTAGES

Osteoconductive
Promote cellular function (strong bone-implant interface)
Able to bind and concentrate BMP's and become osteoinductive
Similar to bone mineral

LIMITS

Resorption varying on crystal size and composition
Brittle ; structural strength varying for each formulation
Limited non comparative studies as bone substitute (mainly bone void filler)



Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Phosphate

> Calcium phosphate Cement

- + Excellent biological properties
Injectable, moulded into the bone defect
ability to harden in situ at body temperature
- Brittle, with low cohesion and no macroporosity
non loadbearing application

**“NOT A GLUE”
Need fixation**

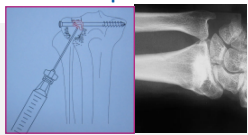

Metaphyseal bone defect
Reinforcing osteoporotic bone
Bone augmentation

> **Apatite HAP** :
Better osteointegration
Stable in time
Higher mechanical properties

Long setting time
Low injectability
Biobon[®], BoneSource[®], Calcibon[®], Cementek[®], Norian SRS[®]

> **Brushite BTCP** :
More degradable
Quick setting time

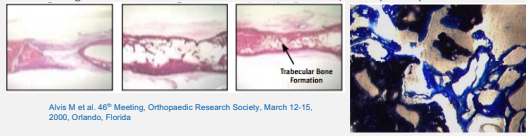
Poor mechanical properties
Low injectability
ChronOs inject[®], Eurobone[®], Vitalos[®]

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Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Phosphate

> **HA/ BTCP +Collagen** (Healos[®]; Collagraft[®]; Collapat II[®]; CopiOs[®]; VitOss[®])
Highly purified bovine dermal collagen type I and HA/BTCP
Collagen fibers -> mechanical resistance enhancement, macroporosity




Must be used with: autologous bone savings or PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) or autogenous bone marrow

-> **questionable results**
“not inferior to autologous iliac crest bone as a graft material in posterolateral lumbar spine fusions but are radiographically ineffective in lumbar interbody fusions.”

-> **Bone graft expander**

Alvis M et al. 46th Meeting, Orthopaedic Research Society, March 12-15, 2000, Orlando, Florida
Neemi D et al. *Spine*, 2006;31:636-40.



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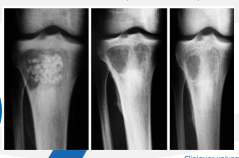

Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Sulfate

> **Surgical grade Calcium Sulfate**
First application in tuberculosis 1892 - Dreesman
Bone defect filler/graft expander 1959 - Peltier LF. *Clinical Orthopaedics*. 1961;21:1-31.

rapid resorption and poor mechanical performance -> Antibiotic carrier (**Osteoset T[®], Herafill G[®]**)

D Donati et al. Adult osteomyelitis : Debridement versus debridement plus Osteoset T[®] pellets. Acta Orthop. Belg., 2007, 73, 238-244

No difference debridement versus debridement and Osteoset T unless within the subgroup of 39 patients with Cherny-Mader type IA (medullary osteomyelitis and normal immune system)
Most common complication: aseptic serous discharge (20%)

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Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Sulfate

> **Surgical grade Calcium Sulfate**



New formulations (**Stimulan[®], Cerament G and V[®]**)

Phase analysis	Commercial Calcium Sulfate	Medical / Surgical Grade	Stimulan [®] Implant Grade
CaSO ₄ 2H ₂ O	80-94%*	98%*	100%
CaCO ₃ /MgCO ₃ *	5.1%	0.5%	Nd
CaCl ₂	1.0%	0.3%	Nd
Aggregate**	4.5%	0.3%	Nd

physiologic pH, Hydrophilic
any antibiotic (termostable/thermolabile)
Pellets <-> injectable cement

Single Antimicrobial Agents		Combined Antimicrobial Agents	
Amikacin	LIQ, LG	Gentamicin/Colistin	LG/POW, None
Amphotericin-B	POW, LG	Vancomycin/Amikacin	POW/LG, LG
Cefazolin	POW, LG	Vancomycin/Amphotericin-B	POW/POW, LG/LS
Cefazolin	POW, LG	Vancomycin/Fluoroquinolone	POW/POW, LG
Ciprofloxacin	POW, LG	Vancomycin/Gentamicin	POW/LG, None
Clarithromycin	POW, LG+S	Vancomycin/Gentamicin/Amphotericin-B	POW/LG/PO, None
Fluconazole	POW, LG	Vancomycin/Piperacillin-Tazobactam	POW/POW, LG/LS
Gentamicin	LIQ, None	Vancomycin/Tobramycin	POW/LG, None
Mergamem	POW, LG+S	Vancomycin/Tobramycin/Amphotericin-B	POW/LG/PO, None
Rifampin	POW, LG		
Tobramycin	LIQ, None		

No third body damage to a articulating surfaces

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Synthetic bone substitutes – Calcium Silicate

> **Bioactive Glass** (Actifuse[®]; VitOss BA[®]; BonAlive[®])
Bone filler
Remineralising agent
Angiogenic properties
Antibacterial agent: sodium released -> increase in pH
release of silicon, calcium, and phosphorous ions
increases osmotic pressure

Natural hydroxyapatite
Silica gel







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Conclusions

- > Numerous synthetic bone substitutes solutions
- > Limited clinical reports (mostly non comparative, non randomised, limited cohorts)
- > Bone filler / Bone graft expander
 - To be used with Bone Marrow Aspirate/Autograft
 - Non loadbearing application
- > May act as drug carrier/ biological properties enhancement (surface treatment, adjunctive proteins or growth factors)
- > Antibacterial properties

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