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“Update On Biocellular Regenerative Medicine 2014”

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Goals in Biocellular Regenerative Medicine

- ✓ Return To Full Function
- ✓ Eliminate Or Markedly Decrease Pain
- ✓ Resist Recurrence Of Injury
- ✓ Reverse, Stabilize, or Resist Degeneration
- ✓ Utilize Autologous Tissues For Repair
- ✓ Accelerate Healing Processes
- ✓ Enhance Results Of *or* Reduce Surgical Requirements (Shorten PT Need)
- ✓ Restore Tissues With Minimal Scar Formation

"Ideal" Cell-Based Therapy

- ✓ *Autologous* Source Via Closed System
- ✓ Harvest Desired Cells/Matrix On Site
- ✓ Transplant In *Same Surgical Session*
- ✓ Avoid Need For Manipulation (Chemical)
- ✓ Provides Stromal Cells + Matrix
- ✓ Easily Allows HD-Ultrasound Placement
- ✓ Density Visible At Time Of Injection
- ✓ Does Not Require Artificial Scaffolding
- ✓ Optional Ability To Culture & Expansion Needs Prior To Placement or IV Uses

Evolution of Biocellular Therapy

- Study Mechanisms of *Homeostasis* Revealing
- Examine Processes of *Remodeling & Repair*
- Locating Highest Numbers of Undesignated Cells In Body (*Microvascular Locations*)
- Safe & Effective Means Of Access To High *Numbers Stem/Stromal Cell* Populations

Evolution of Biocellular Therapy

- Critical Importance of *Matrix To Repair*
- Understanding Value Of *Biologics* In Sites
- Finding That *Site Specific Changes* Depend On *Microenvironment* & *Paracrine Functions*
- Streamline Delivery of Concentrates To Sites

Homeostasis, Remodeling & Self Repair Components

- Involves Cellular Elements (Heterogeneous)
- Involves Biologic Elements
 - Growth Factors
 - Signal Proteins (Cytokines, Chemokines, Etc)
- Exhibits Microenvironmental Controls
 - *Paracrine Secretion ("Bioactive" Chemical Influences)*
 - *Cell-to-Cell & Cell-to-Matrix* Communication

Choosing Ideal Cell Source Biocellular Medicine (AD-tSVF)

- Ease Of Accessibility- Simple Harvest
- Quantity Of Cells Available
- Minimum Morbidity Of Donor Site
- Safety After Implantation
- Degree Of Proliferative Capacity
- Immunoprivileged Cells Preferred
- Secrete Immunomodulatory Factors

TERMS: tSVF & cSVF

Tissue Stromal Vascular Fraction (*tSVF*)

- Includes ALL Cellular Components Of Tissue
- Includes ALL Biologic Components
- Includes Native Bioactive Matrix (Secretive)
- Requires NO Manipulation

Cellular Stromal Vascular Fraction (*cSVF*)

- *Requires Digestion, Incubation, Isolation*
- *NOT Compliant With Current FDA Regs*
- *Common Use Reported In Research Settings*

Why AD-tSVF As Primary Cellular Source?

- Living, Native Bioscaffolding Accompanies Cells
- *tSVF* Offers Very Heterogeneous Cell Population
- Higher Mesenchymal Stem Cell Counts (>2000X)
- Readily Available at Minimal Cost, Invasion, Risks
- Strongly Overlapping Cell Differentiation Abilities
- Actually Placing “Intact Microenvironment” In Graft Of Adipose Tissue Complex (Strings Of ECM/Cells)

“Stromal Vascular Fraction”

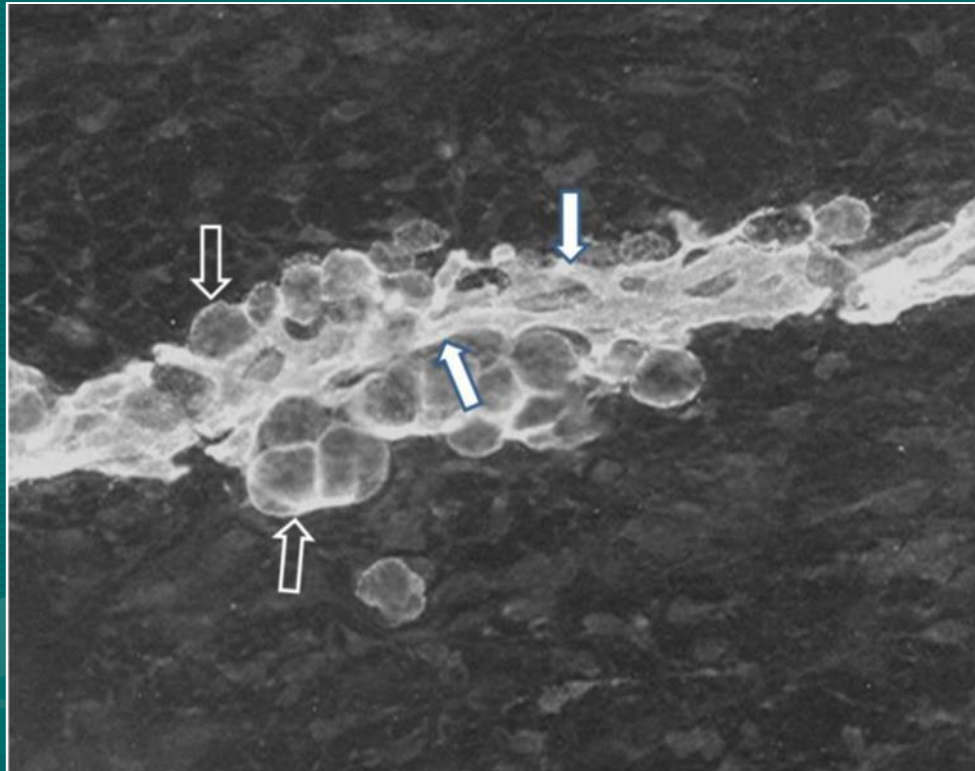
AD-tSVF - Very Heterogeneous

- Mesenchymal Stem Cells (A Key Cell Group)
- Pericytes/Endothelial Cells & Adventitial Cells
- Pre-Adipocytes (Adipose Progenitors)
- Fibroblasts
- Macrophages
- Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells
- Miscellaneous Native Blood Derived Cells
- Extensive “Bioactive Secreting” ECM

Import of Microvasculature

- Key Locations of Undifferentiated Cells in Adults *(All Tissues Have Some)*
- Provides Repository of “On Call” Cells Available in Nearly ALL Tissues
- Every Tissue With Vessels Contain Stem-Stromal Cells
- Adipose Is Largest Microvascular Organ In The Body

Microvascular Relationship Adipose tSVF



Black Arrows = Adipocytes
White Arrows = Microcapillaries

Importance Of Stroma In Biocellular Therapy?

- Provides Needed Attachment Sites
 - Required for Cell Activation and Proliferation
 - Undifferentiated Cells Must Attach To Activate, Proliferate & Differentiate
- Native Scaffolding Of Adipose *Bioactive*
 - Participate In Paracrine Secretory Activities
 - Permits Early Attachment & Activation of Cells
- Highly Heterogeneous Population Considered Important To Provide “Site Specific” Needs

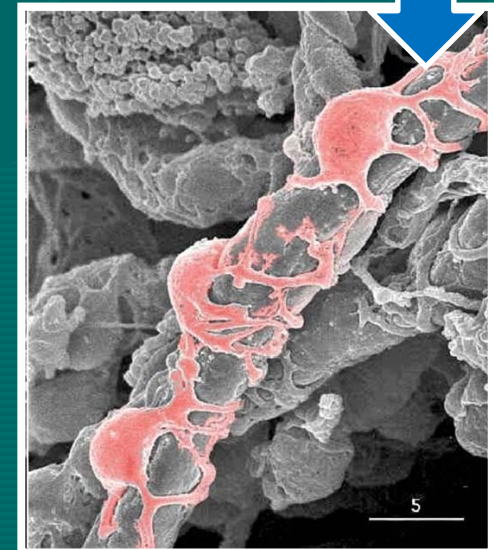
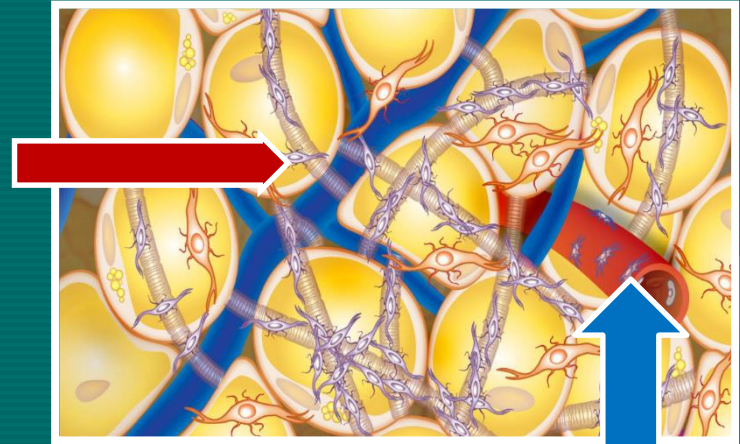
Components Of AD-tSVF

KEY Multipotent Cells Found In AD-tSVF

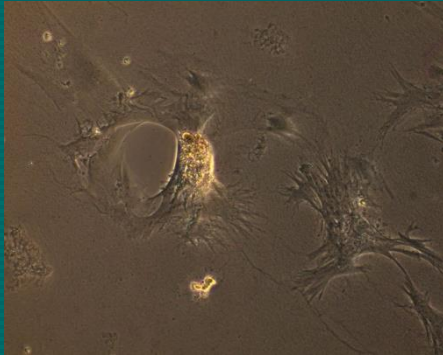
- ❑ Mesenchymal Stem/Stromal Cells
- ❑ Pericyte-Endothelial Cells**
- ❑ Adipocyte Progenitor Cells
- ❑ Adipocytes (Temporary But Important)

Tissue Resident Cell Populations

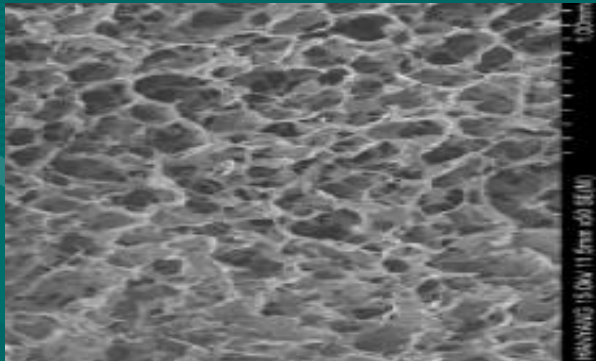
+ Bioactive NATIVE Structural Matrix



AD-Mesenchymal Stem Cells

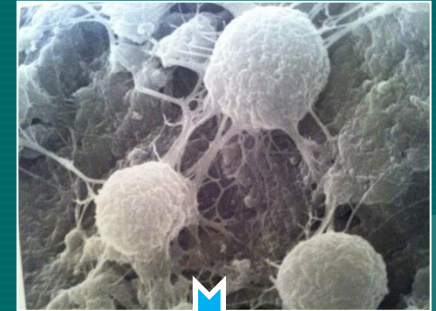


AD- MSC in 3D Culture
Treated With HD PRP Concentrate

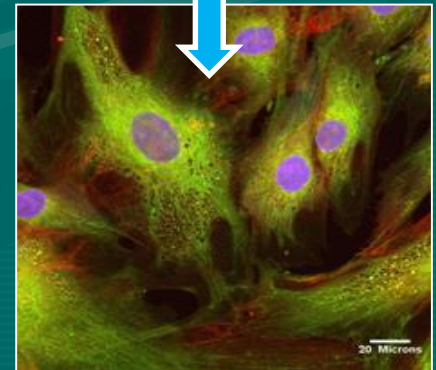


Native Adipose Matrix
(Bioactive – Secretive)

MSCs Cell-To-Matrix
& Cell-To-Cell



Cell-To-Cell Contacts



Calcein AM Dye – DAPI Nuclear Stain

AD-MSK Differentiation

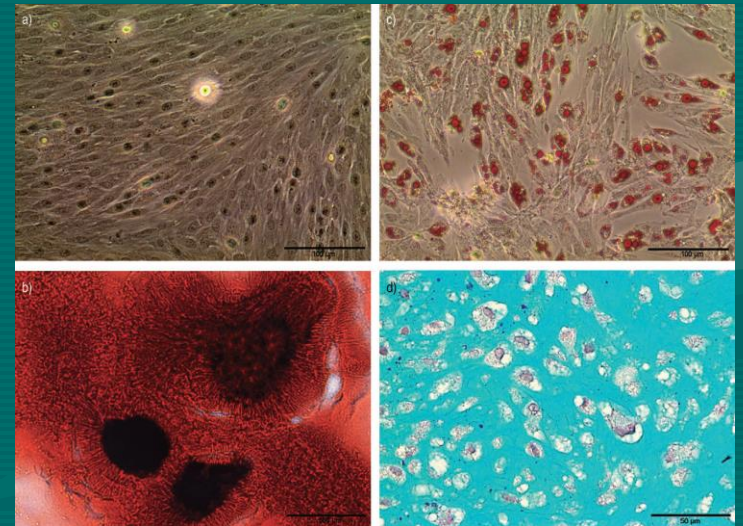
IMPORTANT:

Mesenchymal Stem-Stromal Cells
Capabilities Overlap >95+% Regardless
Of Tissue Origin

Adipose & Bone Marrow MSCs Are
Virtually Interchangeable In Capabilities
In Vitro

Adipose Provides >2000 **TIMES** The
Actual MSC Numbers Compared To Bone
Marrow (per cc)

Adipose Does NOT Require Isolation,
Culture-Expansion To Achieve Therapeutic
Numbers



Osteogenic, Adipogenic & Chondrogenic differentiation in AD-MSK:
a) Control MSCs basal medium (10X); b) Alizarin red staining of cells cultured for 7 days in osteogenic differentiation medium (magnification 4X). c) Oil red O staining of cells cultured for 15 days in adipogenic medium (magnification 10X). d) Haematoxylin Mayer's and Alcian Blue stainings of cells cultured for 21 days in chondrogenic medium (40X).

Why Platelet Concentrates?

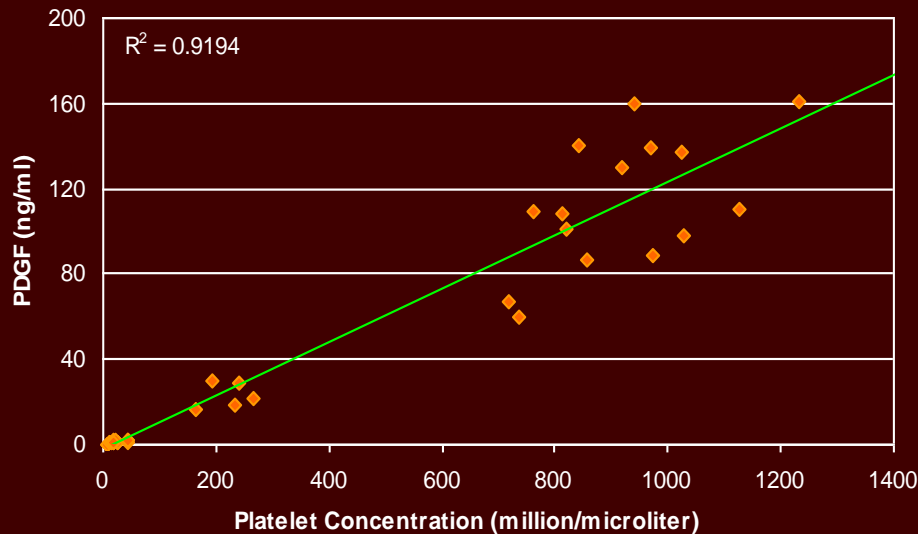
“Not All Platelet Concentrates Are Created Equal”

HD Platelet Concentrates

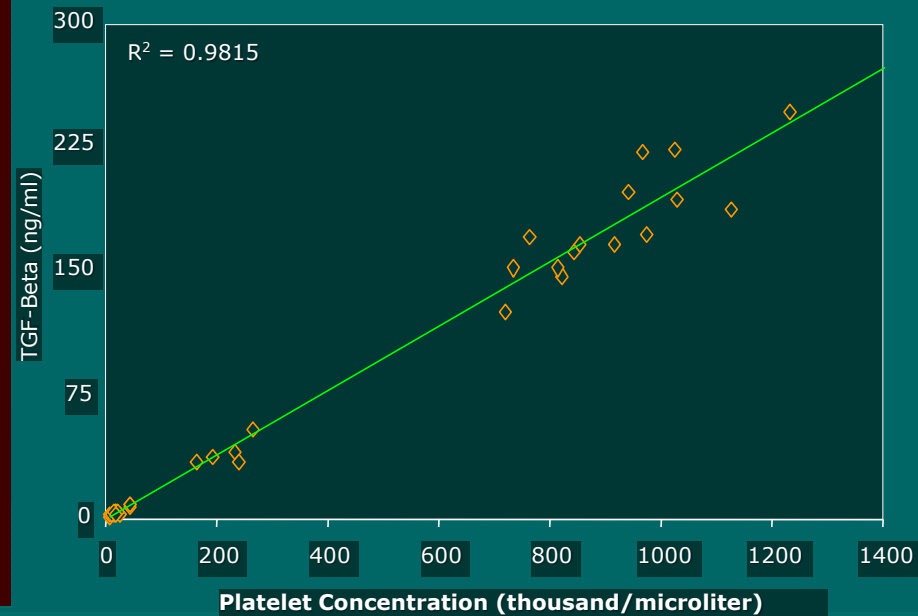
- Offers Important Biological Contributions of Growth Factors & Signal Proteins
- Directly Impact Proliferation & Migration of Stem/Stromal Cells
- Platelets Contribute Vital Healing Chemicals To Healing Sites (“Quarterbacks” Cascade)
- Contributes To Tissue “Autoamplification” System Within Local Sites

PLATELET CONCENTRATES GF LEVELS INCREASE LINEARLY with HD-PRP

Platelet-Derived Growth Factor (PDGF)



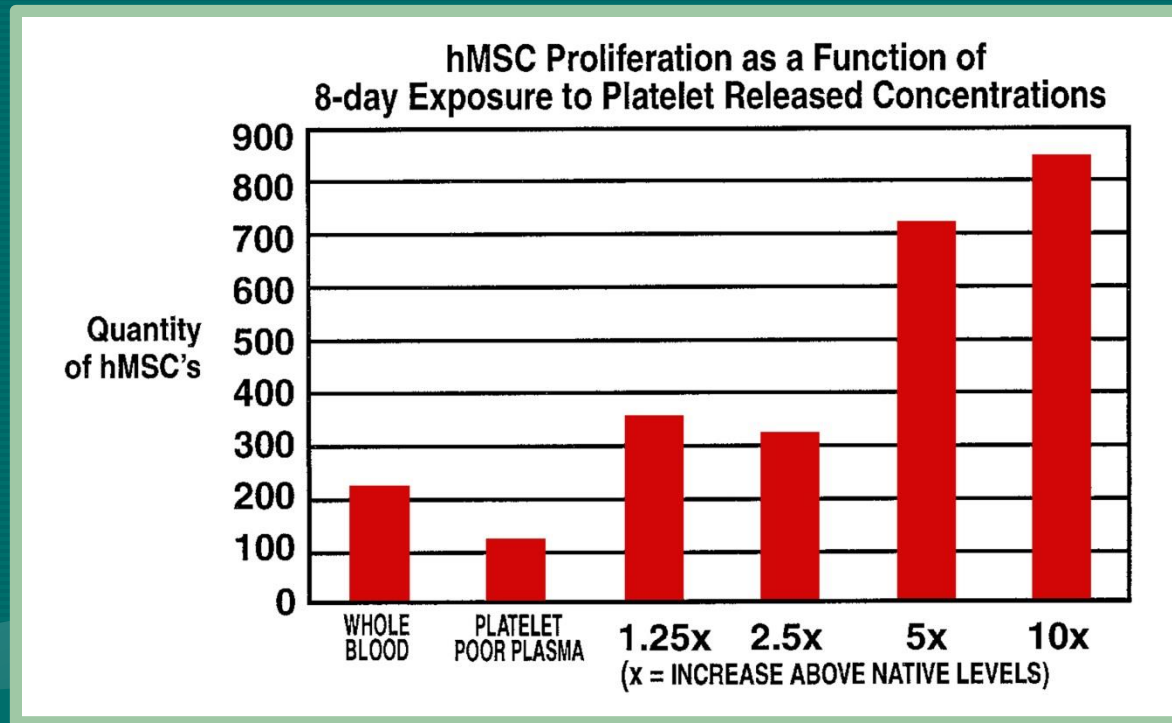
Transforming Growth Factor- β (TGF- β)



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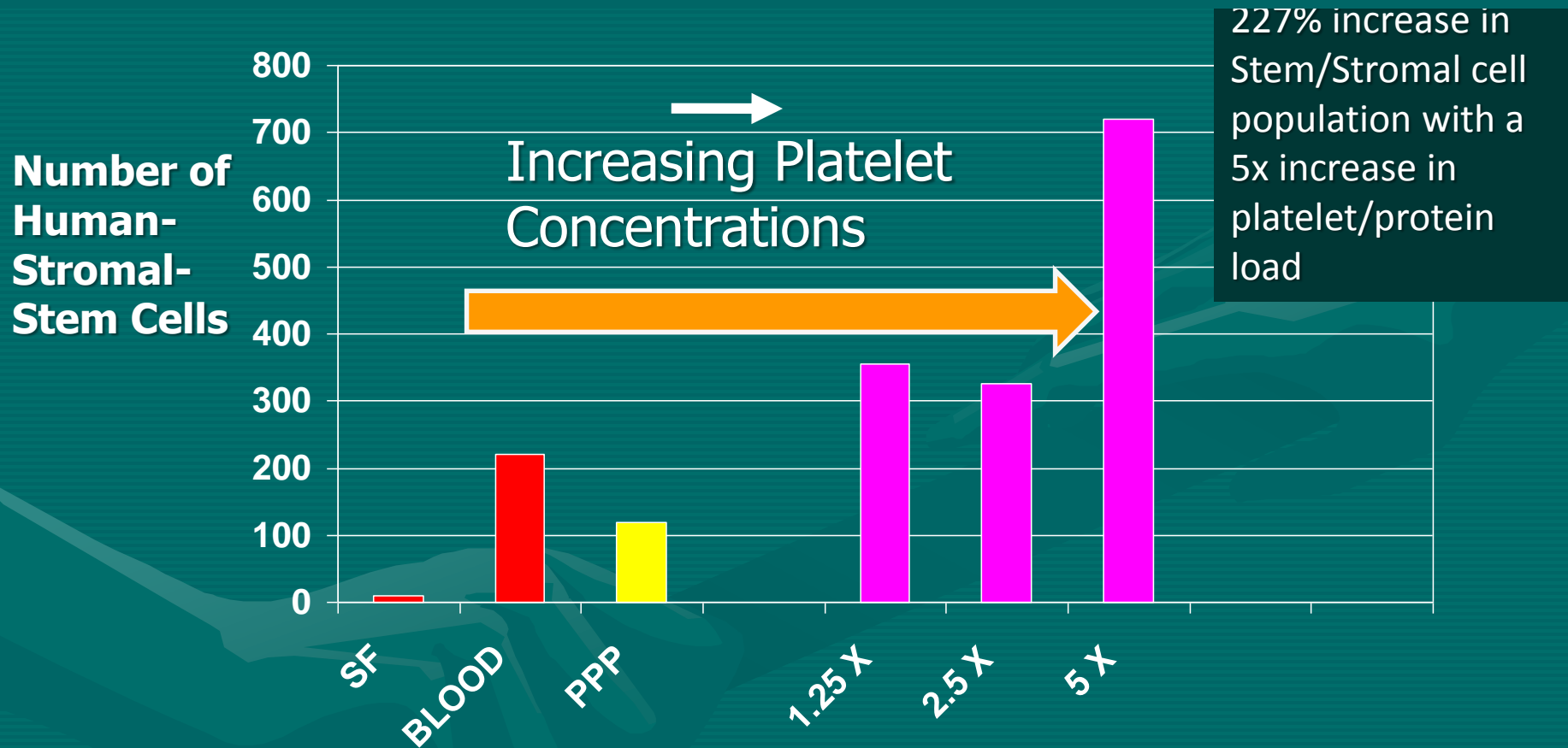
AD-MSCs + PRP Exposure

"Proliferation Effects"



Higher Concentrations HD PRP Achieved = *MUCH*
Higher MSC Proliferation Rates In Tissues

Migration of Repair Cells (Stromal-stem cells) To Injury Site INCREASES Directly With HIGHER Platelet Concentrations



Why Combine Cells With HD PRP?

By Definition: This IS The
Components of “Biocellular
Regenerative Therapies”

“Workers & Bricks” Analogy

*How To Decide On Use Of
Biologics ONLY (PRP or BMA)
vs Use of Biologics + Cellular
Elements?*

WHY HD-PRP + AD-tSVF?

- Immediate Availability And Much Higher Growth Factor Load Added To Target Tissues
- More Signal Proteins And Cytokines/Chemokines
- Both Stimulate *Angiogenesis* - (Key Element !)
- Stimulates AD-MSCs & All Other tSVF Elements
- Enhances The Microenvironment (Niche) To Encourage Stem Cell Proliferation, Migration, & Site Specific Differentiation
- Actively Participate in Signaling Processes, Cellular Recruitment, And Migration Of Other Needed Cells To Target Site

Important Concepts!

Chronic inflammation & re-injury "uses up" the local repair cells (Depletion of Regenerative Capable Cells).

*This is **why/when** the need to add repair cells (adipose-derived stromal/stem cells) PLUS biologics (either HD PRP and/or BMA) to the target site*

*Niche (microenvironment) becomes **very** important & **site specific** for wound healing or regeneration.*

Why Centrifugation?



Centrifugation Of Autologous Fat Grafts

- Creates A “Density Gradient” Of SVF
- MARKEDLY Improved Layer Separation Of :
 - Infranatant Fluids
 - Red Blood Cells & Cellular Debris
 - Lipids, Proteases, & Lipases (Separator Disk)
- Optimal Centrifugation *1000 g* For 3-4 Minutes
- Favors Transplantation Of Maximum Stroma
- Decreases Fluid Load To Site & Reduces Exposure To Local Anesthetics

Pre-Centrifugation



Adiprep Kit System

(FDA 510k Approved by Terumo-Harvest, Plymouth, MA)

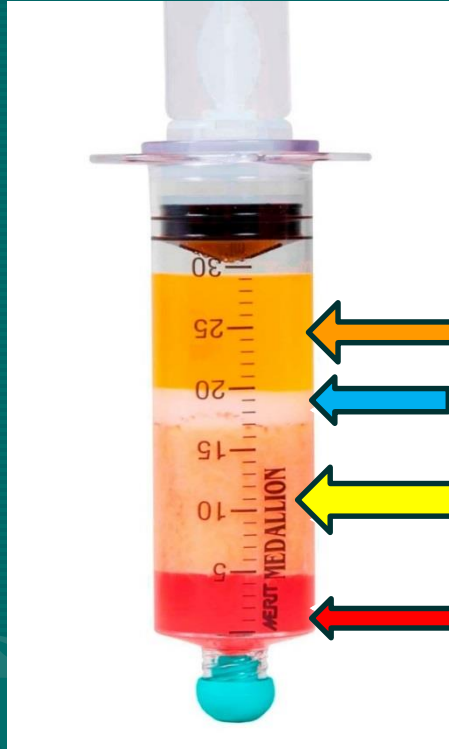
Not All Autologous Fat Grafts Are Equal

Gravity Decantation 30 Min



Decant ONLY

Centrifuged Graft 1000 g 4 Minutes



Oil and Lipid Fraction

Lipid Barrier Disk

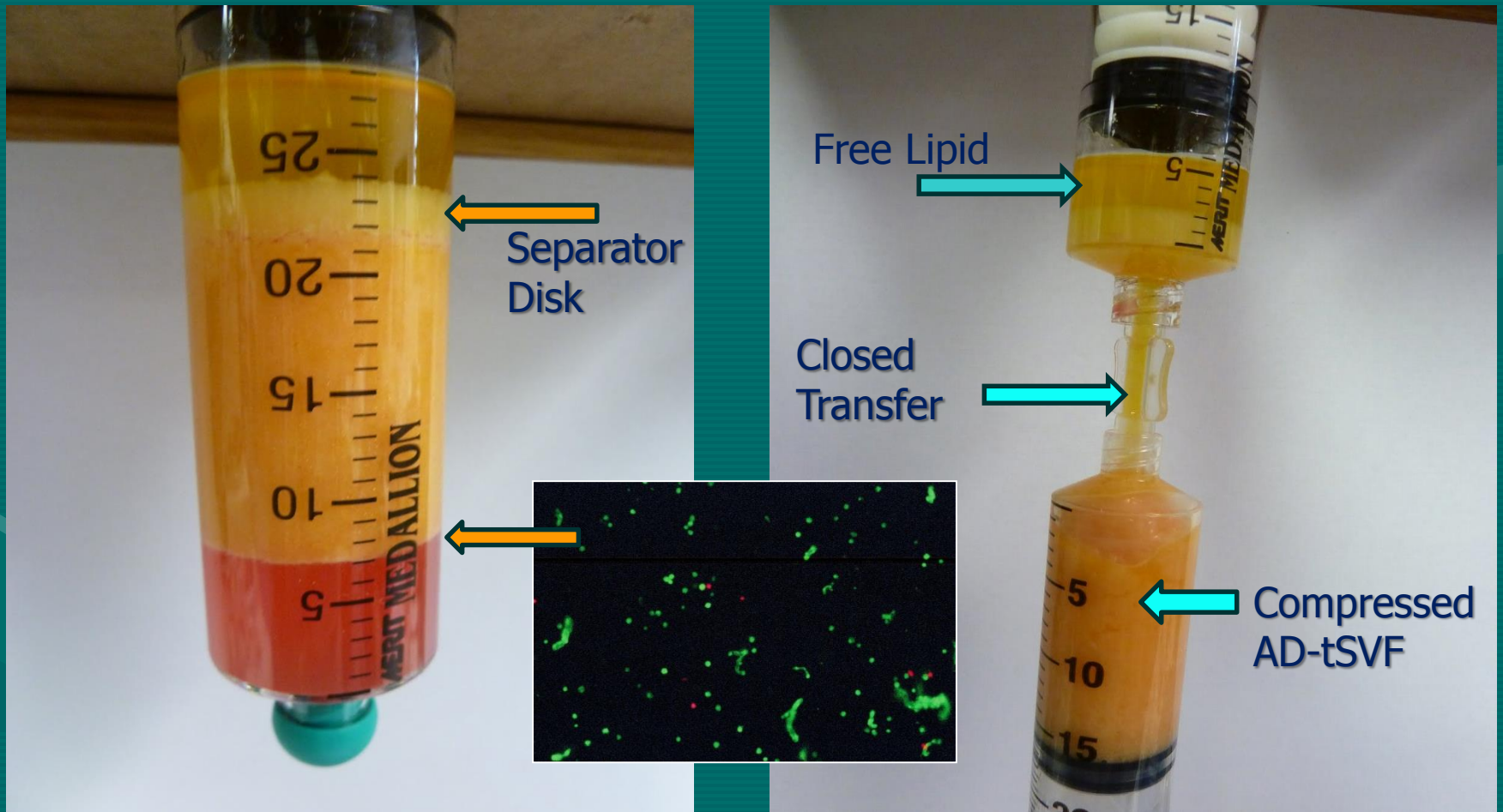
Compressed Adipose Tissue (tSVF)

Excess Fluid – Few Cells & Extensive Debris

Important Advantages of Centrifugation:

1. Compressed Graft (Less Volume Required);
2. Effectively Eliminates Free Lipid Layer;
3. Easy Discard of Infranatant Fluid and Debris;
4. Reduces Residual Lidocaine In Graft;
5. NOT Damaging To Cell Viability (Optimal g-Force of 800-1200 g)

AFG Separation-Density Gradient



Centrifugation 1000g 4 Minutes

“Anaerobic” Transfer Loading

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Create Biocellular Mixture



Normal Ratios Vary
From 50:50
To
30% HD PRP to 70%
tSVF By Volume.

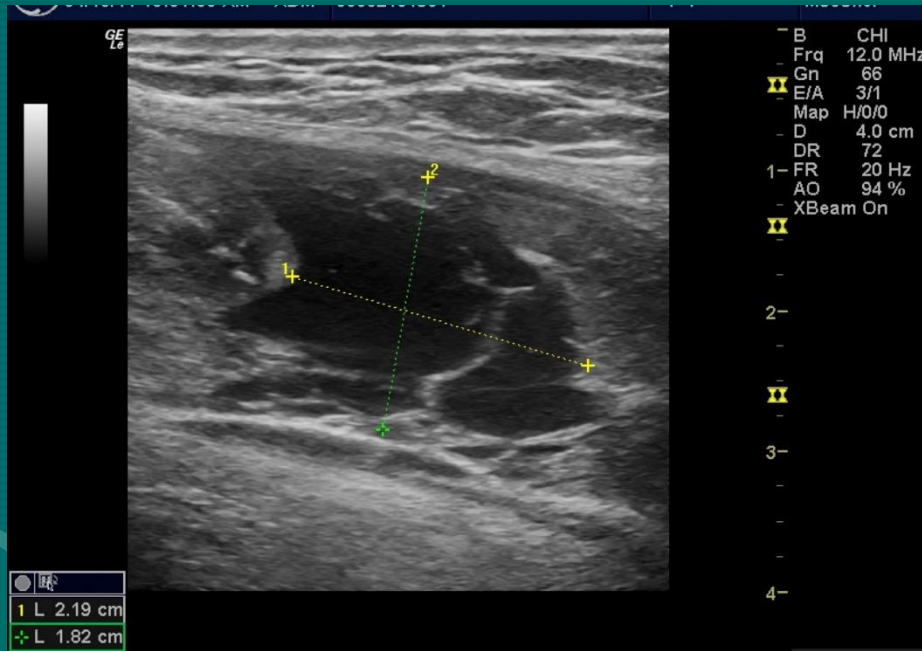
*If Suspicious Of
Cell Depletion.....
Use More tSVF
Cells !*

U/S Guided Injection Therapy

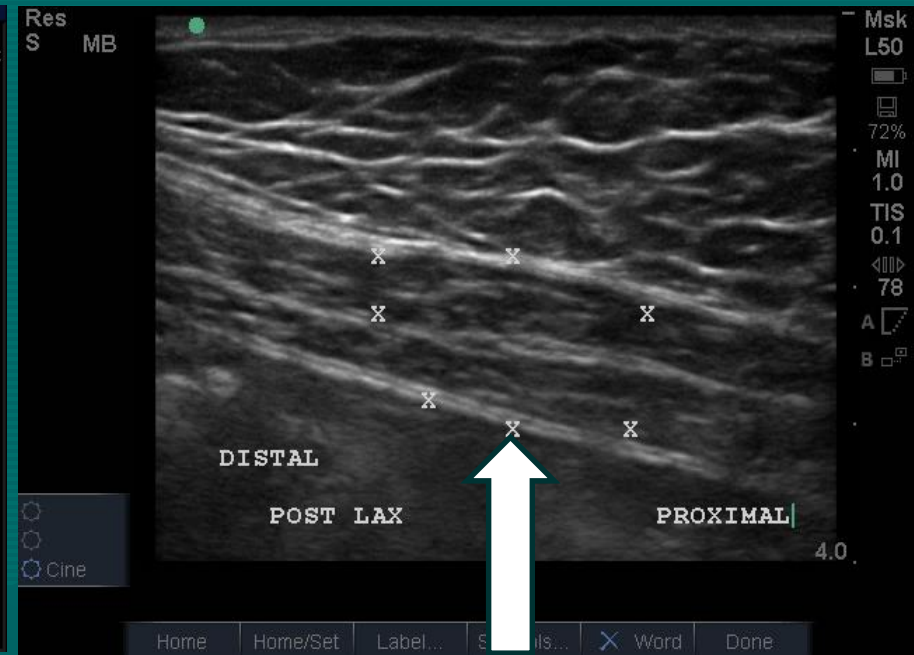


Accurate Placement Critical To Outcome Improvement

Use of AFG + HD PRP In Muscle



48 Hours Post Blunt Trauma Injury (Rectus)



UltraSound Image 5 Weeks (Outline of Defect Marked)

Note: Minimal Scar Evidence Residual

Uses In Wound Healing

- Biocellular Elements Strongly Encourage Wound Vascularization (*Angiogenesis*)
- Supports Cell & Tissue Repair
 - Directly Via Growth Factors & Cells
 - Indirectly Via Stimulating Site Tissues
- NOT Substitute For Debridement
- Often Helps In Bacterial Control

Sacral Ulcer Flap With PRP+



Chronic Wound Healing



De-vascularized Flap, "Wet"



Debrided, AD-tSVF + HD PRP,
2 Weeks, Margins Active;
Granulating

Closed, 6 Weeks;
Early Wound
Contracture



*Note: Valuable Also For
EARLY Pain Relief In
Majority of Patients!*

AD-tSVF + HD PRP



Pre-Operative Stasis Ulcer, Two Year Duration



Ten Weeks Post-debridement, AD-tSVF + HD PRP, 2 Applications; NO Grafting

Heel Pressure Sore

84 Year Old Female; CVD, HTN,



Evaluation
Grade IV &
Debridement



Biweekly
Debridement;
PRP+ & Gel
Apps



Four Weekly
Debridements;
Two AD-SVF +
PRP Injection
Of Margins &
Deep (14 Day
Intervals



Tissue Closure,
NO GRAFT

Things Have Changed !

- *Began With Prolotherapy To Stimulate Healing*
- *Advanced To "PRP Prolotherapy"*
 - Potency Proportional To PRP Density & Configuration
 - Often Requires a "Series" of Injections To Reach Goal
 - Useful In Acute or Subacute Conditions
- *"Biocellular Guided Therapy"*
 - Now Shown To Be The Most Potent Regimen
 - Offers Reduction "Toxic" Inflammation
 - Provides Cells For Site Specific Needs

Hypotheses Of tSVF Effects

- ❖ Originally: Thought MOST Effects Were Due To Stem Cell Survival & Differentiation **ONLY**
- ❖ Now Believed: Most Important Effects Are Due To Autocrine & Paracrine Secretory Effects On Microenvironment & Vice Versa
- ❖ **Both Effects Are**: Complimented With Addition Of Elements Of HD PRP+/BMAC (Cytokines, Growth Factors, Etc.) Additives

Current Trends In Orthopaedic Regenerative Medicine-Surgery

- Expanding Adipose Tissue + Biological Applications To Regenerative Needs (*"Workers + Bricks"*)
- Cell-Assisted Concentrates – More Cells To Graft
- Increased Uses In Musculoskeletal, Chronic Wound, Inflammatory Sites, & Soft Tissue Flap Surgeries
- Many Case Series & Clinical Studies Confirming *Safety and Efficacy* of Uses In Variety of Regenerative & Reconstructive MSK Applications (*Leaving Translational Phase – Entering Clinical Trial Phase (IRB)*)

Look To The Future



Thank You For Your Attention ☺ !

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Thank You!



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