

#### AME 50571 INTRODUCTION TO CELL CULTURE

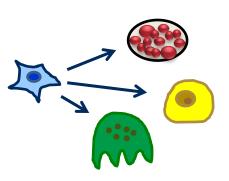




## Why culture cells?

- Expansion
- Manipulation
  - Growth factors & cytokines
  - Genetic analysis
  - Investigation of molecular pathways
  - Analysis of cell behaviors
  - Induced Pluripotent Stem (iPS) cells
- Therapy
  - Cartilage repair
  - Stem cell treatments



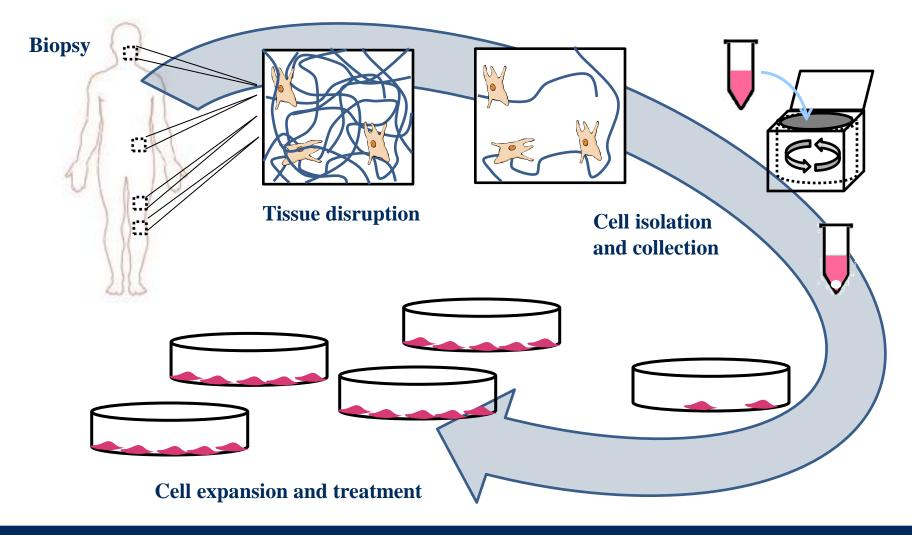






### **Cell Isolation**



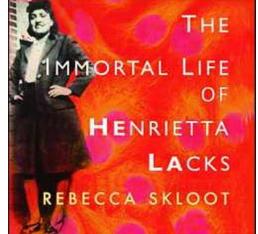


### **Cell Sources**



#### Primary cells

- Isolated directly from an organism/tissue
  - Eg: bone marrow-derived stem cells, osteoblasts, chondrocytes, neurons, myocytes
- Cell lines
  - Cells derived from primary cells
    - Subcultures; subclones; select cells
    - Designed for sustained culture
      - Finite vs. Continuous/Immortal
    - Eg: HeLa



# Cell 'playgrounds'

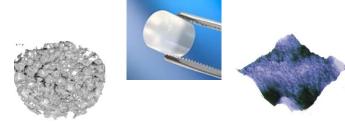




- Tissue culture plastic
  - Flasks, petri dishes
- 3-D



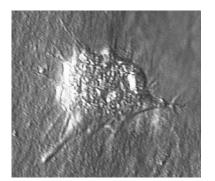
- Tissue engineering scaffolds
  - Solid: Titanium, polymers, natural materials and tissues
  - Soft: hydrogels, native tissues
  - Surfaces, networks, particles
- Bioreactor
  - 2-D or 3D with fluid flow



### Caring for the cells

#### Environment

- Attachment
  - 2-D or 3-D surface
  - Growth area
- Nutrients
  - medium, eg: DMEM
- CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity
- Temperature
  - 37 °C
- pH
  - 7.4





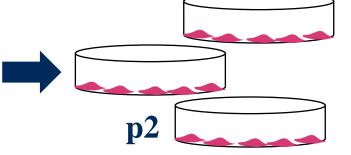


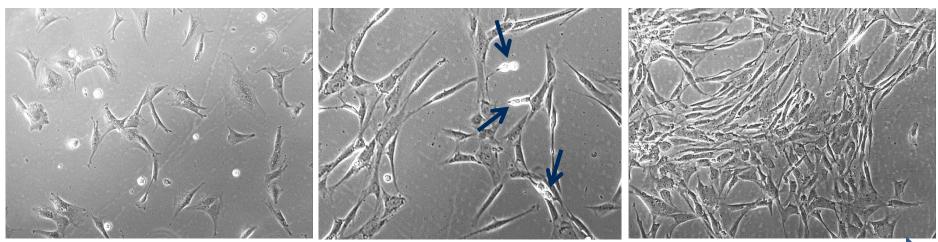


### Expansion



- Increase cell number
  - 'Passaging'
  - 'Splitting'
  - Designated by #:





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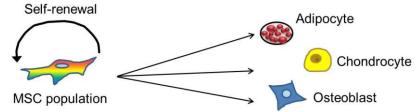
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### Differentiation



Differentiate precursor cells with appropriate combination

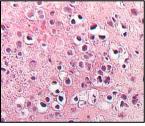


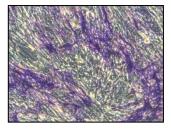


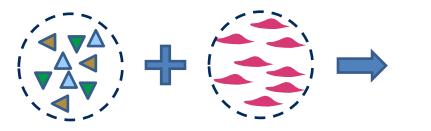
- eg: Ascorbic acid, β-glycerophosphate, dexamethasone, Bone Morphogenetic Proteins
- Mechanical

Chemical

• Eg: scaffold properties; applied loading



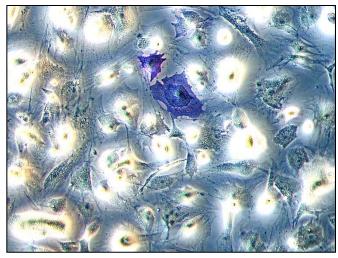


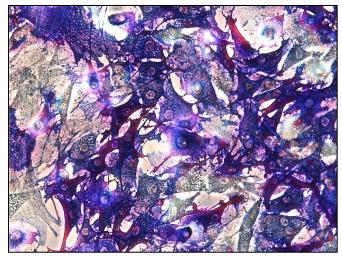




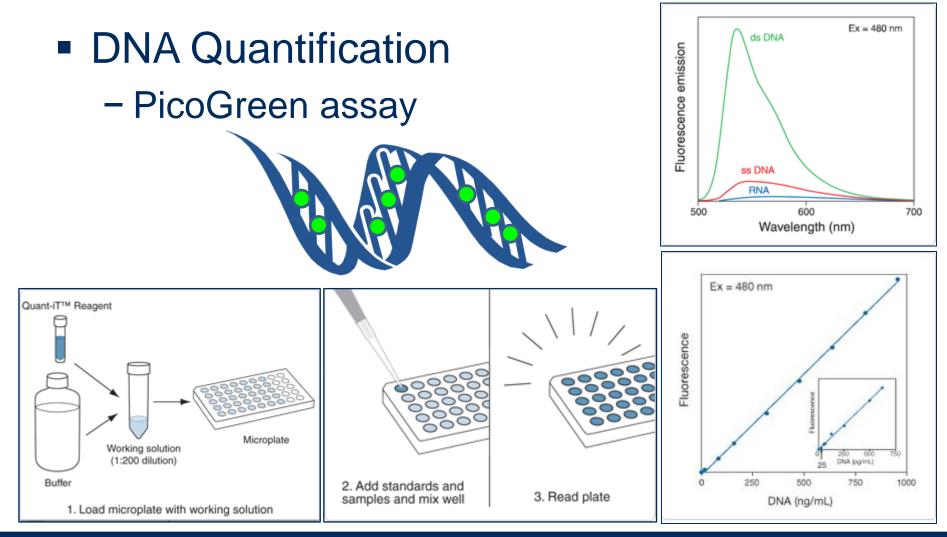
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- Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)
  - Enzyme that cleaves phosphate groups of organic phosphates
    - Releases inorganic phosphates required for mineralization





### Analysis: DNA Content

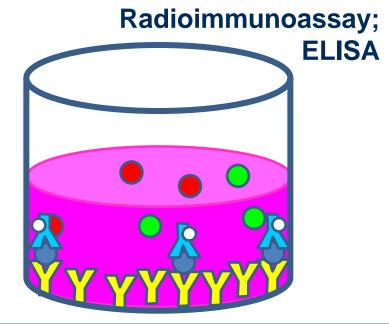


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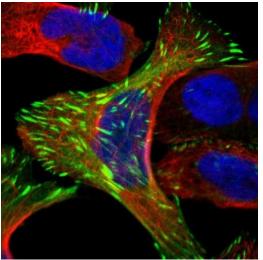
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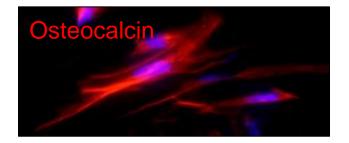
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#### Questions?



