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This book is the third edition of *Principles of Tissue Engineering*. It is a comprehensive guide to the field of tissue engineering, covering all aspects from basic principles to clinical applications. The book begins with an introduction to the history and challenges of tissue engineering, followed by a detailed analysis of stem cells and their role in tissue regeneration. The book then moves on to discuss the various types of biomaterials used in tissue engineering, including polymers, hydrogels, and biodegradable materials. The book also covers the process of tissue engineering, from initial design to final product development. The book concludes with a discussion of the future of tissue engineering and its potential impact on medicine.

As mentioned earlier, stem cells have become an important part of tissue engineering. As such, important coverage of embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells, and placental stem cells are examined. Gene therapy is another important area, and both general aspects of gene therapy as well as intracellular delivery of genes and drugs to cells and tissues are discussed. Various important engineering issues including basic tissue engineering issues of cardio-vascular systems such as myocardium, blood vessels and heart valves; endocrine organs such as the pancreas and the thyroid are discussed. So are tissues of the gastrointestinal system, such as liver and the alimentary tract. Important aspects of the hematopoietic system are analyzed as is the engineering of the kidney and genitourinary system.

Much attention is devoted to the musculoskeletal system, including, bone and cartilage regeneration, tendons and ligaments/tendons. The nervous system is also discussed, including brain implants, and the spinal cord. This is followed by a discussion of the eye where corneal replacement and visual enhancement systems are examined. Oral and dental applications are also discussed as are the respiratory system and skin. The concluding sections of the book cover clinical experience in such areas as cartilage, bone, skin and cardiovascular systems as well as the bladder. Tissue engineered food is evaluated. Finally, regulatory and ethical considerations are examined.

In sum, the 90 chapters in this third edition of *Principles of Tissue Engineering* examine the important advances in this burgeoning field of tissue engineering. This text will be very useful for scientists, engineers, and clinicians engaging in this important new area of science and medicine.