

Special Issue: Microscale Medical Devices

The medical device industry increasingly relies on complex microfluidic, microelectromechanical, and nanoelectromechanical devices as part of modern clinical treatments and diagnostic testing. The benefits of using microdevices are faster results and lower costs. Fundamental and translational research in microscale medical devices has exploded and is rapidly moving toward commercialization in the device, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and life science industries. Applications for microscale devices include drug discovery, cell growth, disease studies, diagnostics, biologic sensing, mixing, filtration, and many others. For example, organ-on-a-chip devices have recently been developed that mimic the biologic and physiologic properties of living systems and can be used for early evaluation of new drugs or devices, as well as to study disease state. Likewise, lab-on-a-chip systems that use microsamples of blood are revolutionizing the diagnostic testing industry.

This Special Issue of the ASME *Journal of Medical Devices* highlights original research on latest advancements of microscale devices for medical applications. The contributions utilize experimental (e.g., microfluidics, MEMS, NEMS, AFM) and computational methods (e.g., computational fluid dynamics, finite

element, and analytical analysis) and covers both in vitro and in vivo applications of microscale devices on a wide range of topics.

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