Overview of the biomaterials usually use in alloplastic cranioplasty

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Definition

We denote by the term of **cranioplasty** all surgical techniques used to repair skull defects.





Types of bone defects

Small defect: < 25 cm²



Large defect : entre 25 et 100 cm²



Very large defect: > 100 cm²



History of cranioplasty

- 3000 ans Av JC (Inca civilization) : golden plate.
- WALTHER (1821) : first bone autogreffe.
- ZANDER (1940) : acrylic cement (PMMA).
- SIMPSON (1961) : titanium plate.
- TOTH (1988) : first custom-made implant.





Families of biomaterials





Bone autografts



Polymers



Titanium alloys





Phosphocalcic céramics

Bone autografts



Limits of bone autografts

- > They have a high level of resorption (up to 50%).
- > Their ostéointégration is unpredictable .
- > They are difficult to harvest and to model.
- They are responsible for an important morbidity rate of the donor site.
- They are responsible of the extension of the operating time and of the hospitalization duration.
- Specially for the skull the available quantities are too low.

Polymers



PEEK

- \succ Not easy to model.
- Hight rate of infection (up to 22%).
- \succ Bad esthetic results.
- > No osteointegration.
- Risk of cutaneous erosion with exposure of the plates.

Titanium alloys





- \succ Not easy to model.
- ➢ Bad mechanical properties.
- Risk of cutaneous erosion with exposure of the plate.
- > Thermoconductivity.
- Release of titanium ions toxic for the surrending tissues.

CUSTOMBONE^R





- > Totally macroporous.
- > Bad impact strength.
- Imperfect adaptation.
- > Imperfect ostéointegration.
- Their use is difficult for defect over 100 cm².

FCP BIO CRANIUM^R











MULTI-PARTS implants













































Osteointegration





No fusion

Partial fusion

Complete fusion

Osteointegration

Setting-up deadline	Implants number	Contacts number	Complete Fusion
6 month	18	4368	39 %
12 month	14	2772	57 %
24 month	13	3276	72 %

surgical protocol

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Future



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Conclusion



We must fight on. The patients are couting on us.

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