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BIOMATERIALS RESEARCH: HITTING ALL THE RIGHT NOTES, AND AVOIDING THE TRANSLATIONAL BLUES



WELCOME

to the Society For Biomaterials 2021 Annual Meeting & Exposition

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the Society For Biomaterials 2021 Annual Meeting & Exposition!

As we emerge from the cacophony of the global pandemic, what better place to gather as a community and explore the many challenges facing the field of biomaterials research? This year's program will focus on research that has direct patient impact and many of the challenges facing new materials in garnering regulatory approval for clinical use. It will also include discussing many of the issues facing the biomaterials community including COVID-related adjustments to education and creating a more equitable environment in the biomaterials community and the STEM fields in general. We hope to realize the vision for this meeting- Biomaterials Research: Hitting all the right notes and avoiding the translational blues!

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Finally, we would like to give our thanks to you, the attendees of the first virtual 2021 Annual Meeting & Exposition! You are the "musicians" of this meeting and we sincerely hope that you find that the program inspires further connections to help guide your own journey while avoiding the pitfalls of the translational blues.

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