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Biomedical Engineering and Medical Device Technology: Innovations in Life-Saving Solutions and Device Design

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Annotation: Biomedical engineering plays a crucial role in advancing medical device technology, yet challenges persist in optimizing device design for improved patient care. Despite significant progress, gaps remain in integrating biocompatible materials, enhancing device efficiency, and ensuring regulatory compliance. This study examines the latest innovations in biomedical engineering, focusing on medical device development, biomaterials, and emerging technologies. A qualitative analysis of recent advancements and clinical applications was conducted. Findings indicate that cutting-edge materials, AI integration, and nanotechnology have significantly enhanced the safety, functionality, and efficiency of medical devices. Results suggest that continuous interdisciplinary research is essential for sustainable innovation in biomedical engineering. The study highlights the need for robust regulatory frameworks, investment in research, and industry collaboration to drive future advancements in life-saving medical technologies.

Keywords: Biomedical engineering, medical device technology, biocompatibility, nanotechnology, AI in healthcare, biomaterials, regulatory compliance.

1. Introduction to Biomedical Engineering

Biomedical Engineering is an appealing and rapidly-growing multidisciplinary field which is currently remarkable in industrialized societies and is bound to become prominent in emerging countries as their standard of living rises. Some of the many factors explaining this growth comprise: increased life expectancy of global populations; high costs of the last years of life concerning healthcare; quick paced advancements in Biology, Medicine, and Engineering, which can work synergistically; and an ever-expanding audience of aware and pro-active clients wishing a high quality of life until the very end. In this regard, medical devices, solutions, techniques, and therapies are greatly in demand to support healthcare, and that is the field where Biomedical Engineering sets to bring its greater contributions [1]. Biomedical Engineering covers a wide range of topics, where the most prominent are: biomedical instrumentation and devices design; biologically-motivated signal and image processing, as well as biosensors; biomechanics, rehabilitation, and sports engineering; biomaterials design and analysis; health services engineering, as well as clinical and hospital equipments; and tissue regeneration through bio-MEMS and bioreactors. The primary goal of the former specialties is goaded engineering advances to shed new light on such biological constraints, unravel new issues that, once tackled, will significantly modify existing viewpoints, and to suggest new delivery mechanisms in order to apply gained insights. The latter branch is however more Biology-driven and requires a prior understanding of the biological aspects in order to set-up suitable and ambitious engineering challenges [2].

1.1. Historical Overview of Biomedical Engineering

Healthcare has always been a primary concern. Recent times have necessitated the involvement of many professionals who directly or indirectly influence health care delivery, including biomedical engineers. Biomedical engineering in Ghana started in the late 1990s; since then there has been a slow but steady increase in the number of institutions engaged in educating and employing biomedical engineers. The main specialty of Ghanaian Biomedical Engineers remains Bioinstrumentation; it accounts for more than 53% of the 110 graduates of the field annually; the other main specialties are Rehabilitation engineering, and Physiological Systems. Regulatory bodies for medical devices and consumables do exist but are not fully operational; they lack the revenue to function effectively and enforcement is poor. For Biomedical Engineering to be firmly established in Ghana, there is dire need for a massive public education campaign to improve understanding and utilization. Health care delivery is an interdisciplinary process that involves biomedical engineers and a host of other professions. Healthcare provision has evolved over the years; in the past, there were few professions playing a role in the delivery of health care. As technology has developed there has been a greater need for more educational and technological standards for different aspects of medicine [3].

Prior to 1900, technology had little to offer medicine, or the delivery of health care. As technology developed, by the early 1900's there were advances in medical diagnostics and imaging. As technology further developed there was a splitting of medical diagnostics into different categories of medicine. This led to specialization in both the diagnostic devices and their associated specialties. For a number of years, specialty medical device technology was disguised as general equipment and could be operated by a single specialist; as technology shifted to solid-state design this became less of a reality and specialty manufacturers dominated the newer medical devices. At time this has created a general discontent among healthcare administrators who fear a great increase in the maintenance costs associated with more exotic medical devices. This is the present trend; however there is much potential at the moment for the development of a new range of serviceable, specialist devices that will not be overly complex yet will still be competitive with more costly equipment.

1.2. Key Concepts and Principles

Bioengineering is a discipline that describes interactions of biological entities or fluids with artificially made structures or devices. Whilst still encompassing all of that, the term biomedical engineering is more broadly used and also includes signals acquired from or sent to a biological entity. Additionally different from expected, the interaction of blood with a variety of medical devices is likely to have a more generic meaning. Bioengineering is mostly used to describe the interaction of a solid structure with cellular entities, such as the interaction between a coronary stent and the endothelium. In the academic world, the term bioengineering is used in this context only. However, the interaction of an object with benzalkonium bound to its surface, a novel coating for a polymer based coronary closure device, is also bioengineering, in light of the anti-mitochondrial effect of benzalkonium chloride. On the other hand, the surface of such a device is also the subject of engineering to control or facilitate the friction with the surface. In this regard, published research on coating of the introducing sheath for the delivery of micro-invasive endokardial devices has been called biotribology in agreement with previous publications. Devices and coatings in this regard are usually made of vitamin E, titanium, or other alloys of the introduction sheath, or inserted over coated nitinol in pro-ready-to-use semi-automated delivery systems.

Bioengineering and medical devices for ground-breaking bio-catheters were generally made of stainless steel. Especially when the majority is made of plastics, significant efforts are necessary to achieve a smooth and effortless sliding of the one into the other. Re-infection or entrapment of guide or closure wires, and subsequent breakage and tissue damage, were among the first obstacles that needed to be tackled in order to bring MICS to a clinical reality. Medical devices usually interact with the entities of the body in a closed system, where the device either moves within the body, such as conventional guidewires and balloons, or releases therapeutic drugs, such as drug eluting stents. Usually manmade devices do not exchange signals with the body, being them electrical or physical flow like a pacemaker lead or micro-catheters, respectively. Such devices are outside the scope of the current discussion. The bioengineering technology development of new devices relies quite often on the understanding of the clinical needs and generates an intense new flow of the overlapping of mathematics, biology, and physics [4]. As for typical MICS endocardial or epicardial devices, cardiac catheterisation was shown to be superior to other imaging modalities. The presence of used devices, leads, or previous surgeries, and rhythms interfere with scanning.

2. Medical Device Technology

It would be difficult to imagine the current health care system without common medical devices such as thermometers, cardiovascular stents, infusion pumps, defibrillators, orthopaedic implants, defibrillators or dialysis machines. Often, the appropriate use of a given technical solution represents the boundary between life and death, between disability and recovery or between different levels of health care expenditure. Such heterogeneous devices share several common traits: a deep study of human anatomy and physiology, a relevant feedback to global health policies, the consistent support of multidisciplinary teams, as well as a complex regulatory framework strongly based upon risk assessment. Each kind of devices needs input from a multiplicity of backgrounds (like life sciences, sensors, materials, electronics, computation, simulation, etc.) giving rise to a great diversity of technical solutions. At the same time, such solutions have to coexist in an increasing crowded market where innovation, performance, cost and robustness are permanent moving targets [1]. All the topics of a classical formation in Biomedical Engineering are tackled in a rich medical device technology syllabus composed of several theoretically-oriented lectures given by experts in the fields and a set of hands-on workshops and seminars specifically designed by tutors and assistants: Introduction to Biomedical Engineering and medical devices. Introduction to sustainability and ethical aspects in Biomedical Engineering. Product planning: The relevance of a medical need. Conceptual design and creativity promotion. Basic engineering I: From the concept to the design. Basic engineering

II: From the design to the prototype. Basic engineering III: Testing and validation of medical devices. Detailed engineering: Standardization and safety issues. Overview on human biomechanics. Overview on biomaterials for biodevices. Basic computer-aided design seminar. Basic FEM-based modeling seminar. Cases of study: Complete development of diagnostic devices. Cases of study: Complete development of therapeutic devices. Advanced computer-aided design seminar. Advanced FEM-based modeling seminar. Special technologies for the mass production of biodevices. Micro- and nano-fabrication of biomedical micro- and nano-systems. Key aspects in human biomechanics. Key aspects in human fluid mechanics. Future trends I: Tissue engineering and biofabrication. Future trends II: From labs-on-chips to organs-on-chips.

2.1. Types of Medical Devices

Medical devices must meet strict performance and safety standards set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulatory authorities. Standards are developed that define the device's performance requirements, guide clinical evaluations, and provide test methods for opinion assessment. Standards also inform patients and providers about expected device lifetime, performance, and safety. There are an estimated 2000 different types of medical devices on the market (e.g., disposable, surgical, diagnostic imaging, ophthalmic).

Disposable medical devices are used once, or only a few times, before disposal. Some common medical devices, such as wheelchairs, canes, and crutches, fall outside of the bounds of disposable, surgical, diagnostic imaging, and ophthalmic devices. According to the [5] definition, medical devices include any instrument, apparatus, machine, software, material, or other article, whether used alone or in combination, with the applicably to the human body intended by the manufacturer to be used for diagnostic, monitoring, therapy, or prevention of disease. More than 500,000 different types of medical devices that are used in hospitals and other health care providers. Some common categories of medical devices are described here.

2.2. Regulatory Frameworks and Standards

Medical devices are subject to strict controls and regulations all around the world. In Europe, any medical device shall follow a certification path that is designed to ensure the safety, efficacy, and a constant quality level of the device. If all regulatory requirements are satisfied, the device can obtain the CE Marking in Europe. For this reason, it is common practice for the medical devices manufacturers to use harmonized standards to prove compliance with the relevant European legislation. This legislation is currently composed of three European Council Directives and one Eudamed Commission Decision. The essential requirements indicated in the Directives are general basic safety and performance requirements with which all medical devices must comply. The Eudamed Commission Decision [6] which defines the nomenclature of medical devices is strongly linked to these three Directives and will be repealed with them. The European Council Directives regulate respectively active implantable medical devices, medical devices, and in vitro diagnostic medical devices. According to the New Approach of the European Union, these legal acts set out the essential requirements (ERs) for safety and performance that devices must meet. Standards harmonized to the legislation are “presumed to comply” with these ERs. This set of legislation including harmonized standards is intended to assure a proper level of protection of health while ensuring the free circulation of medical devices within the Single (European) Market.

One of the two new regulations drafted in 2017 that will repeal the current Directives is the Regulation on medical devices. The three Council Directives will be entirely repealed by the regulation introducing more stringent requirements to be met by the medical devices manufacturers and posing significant challenges to them because of the burden of the redesigned regulatory framework. Even if various parts of the regulation have already started being applied, a transition period will end on May 26, 2020, and the requirements will be fully implemented from there. Another EU regulation drafted in 2017 that will repeal a current Directive is the

Regulation on in vitro diagnostic medical devices. Alternatively, orthopedics devices belong to class IIb with measuring function and wellness devices used outside hospital facilities need to be validated using these standards.

3. Innovations in Medical Device Design

Medical device design acknowledges the need for improvement in complex medical devices in order to trigger innovation that lasts. However, lack of understanding of contemporary devices is a first barrier that needs to be overcome before meaningful improvements in their design can be made. Similarly, improvements often go unnoticed or are undervalued and the spiral of change can be difficult to start. The result is that many medical devices in significant need for improvement are currently overlooked. A more informed discourse of existing innovations might improve this situation. Usually, when designers think of future technologies, they fall into a trap of craving complexity. The future of the field lies not only in the development of ever more complex devices but also in a simplification every bit as revolutionary [7].

The basic concept of biocompatibility implies that the material should be non-toxic and non-carcinogenic, non-mutagenic, and non-pyrogenic. Also, it should not induce any sensitization and should not cause any irritation effect. Historically, the development of better biocompatible materials has followed an empirical approach, which is a trial-error method where materials are tested on a biological system [4]. Due to the benefits that can be obtained with surface treatments on blood retention, there has been a tendency of thinking of surface treatments as a good approach to solve biocompatibility issues. There are diverse techniques of surface treatment including, for example, plasma treatment or the use of other chemicals to create a bioactive surface. However, a bigger leap forward would be seeking completely new materials that are biocompatible by nature. Bio materials include a whole range of biomolecules like natural polymers and proteins, and they can be obtained from both plant and animal sources. The great advantage of these materials is that they interact with the biological environment, making them more alike to the body's own tissues. Bio materials have been known since ancient times. For instance, the Egyptians used parchment for wound wrapping, the Chinese employed silkworm gut as suture material, and the Romans applied muscle fibers as absorbable suture material. On the other hand, there was a fear of toxic effects that contained them. For this reason, they were gradually replaced by bio-inert materials, such as metal alloys and ceramics.

3.1. Human-Centered Design Principles

The definition of Industrial Design is: "The society works of human society people designed to complex and enduring transformation with and for themselves. These goods can be produced in industrial production or artisan and can include both technical and non-technical goods ranging from biomedical appliances to toys". Industrial Design makes the engineering products more attractive and makes it functionally more efficient in this way improves the life of the users. Design process begins at the product development started, and takes the product architecture, ergonomics, styling, branding and product aesthetics into account. Biomedical engineering design has very important role in healthcare technologies. This engineering sector designs the technologies that prevent or treatment diseases. Developments in the health industry is possible with investment in this engineering sector. Biomedical engineering design system works with the academic and industry sectors towards the earnings of the country.

The design of medical and healthcare applications includes a mix of aesthetic, surface, form and styling aspects as well as usability analysis and human factor implications. Industrial design is responsible for the design elements of a product that determine its structure, appearance and artistic form result of a creative activity and are derived from its visual and ergonomic characteristics. This research investigates the adoption of industrial design principles at medical technologies development process by the active medical device manufacturers in Turkey. Role of industrial design at the medical technologies development process, applied industrial design approaches, patients, end-product's aesthetic appearance considerations of the companies,

company's facilities which are related with the industrial design and development processes are analysed during the research.

3.2. Emerging Technologies

Health is an essential asset for any being and with the development of science and its technology, advancement has been seen in the healthcare system. Biomaterials and bioengineering have given rise to organ transplantation and tissue engineering, a multidisciplinary discipline opening tremendous opportunities in the development and application of biological constructs for restoring and maintaining biological integrity of the human body [8]. Also referred to as regenerative medicine, it involves the combined expertise of engineers, material scientists, biologists, and clinicians and offers a spectrum of reconstructive solutions for tissue repair and regeneration. In healthcare, innovations in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine have emerged as a radical innovation offering opportunity to replace the traditional technology of tissue and organ replacement, by biofabricating implantable scaffolds seeded with living cells that are capable of growing new tissues. In healthcare field particularly, the technology offers tantalizing scope; it could unite around the promise of a on-demand supply of patient-specific, transplantation-ready matched tissues and organs, solving the current problem of a critical shortage of donor tissues and organs in permanent diseases. Customized order and repair of human organs from patient's own cells takes our mind to the Star Trek replicator which can construct any object from molecules. As wealth in the human body can be described only in terms of the marginally differentiated collection of nucleated cells, the aspiration emerges for a "bioreplicator" that may grow a new heart from a handful of cells, so that heart repair can be achieved with the same facility as tooth replenishment.

4. Biomedical Imaging Technologies

The diagnosis and treatment of various diseases had been expedited with the help of medical imaging. Treatment planners and physicians in clinics primarily use X-ray-based images, such as CT and MRI scans. Technology in many companies are transferring or complementing research towards X-ray computed tomography and mainly MRI since it provides a better solution. Both of these scan types give detailed views into the body, highlighting versatility and the importance in a TV series format. The most advanced application of medical images is visualization of digital usually combined with image segmentation. Clinicians also use nuclear imaging, ultrasound, EIT, and bioptic equipment such as endoscopic cameras and miniature RSSI sensors for urinary exploration during various types of surgery [9]. A novel method that can be extremely useful for the analysis of imaging data from these types of studies or for the creation of a prediction model based on MRI is presented. An important aspect of a recently introduced model is that it is designed to accept as input voxel-based structural MRI data. The feasibility of the framework is demonstrated by selectively sampling the data and creating the input for the ML model. The versatility of the model to accept other imaging modalities is demonstrated by utilizing the same framework to create a prediction model based on a pseudo-MRI dataset obtained from RWGE images. The usage of a lightweight ML model on an extensive MRI dataset is also described [10].

4.1. X-ray and CT Imaging

The diagnosis and treatment of various diseases and the assessment of therapy responses have been expedited with the help of medical imaging. Different medical imaging modalities are widely used for the well-being of patients in today's healthcare system throughout the world. X-ray and CT imaging techniques are primarily focused among different modalities. Diversified research ranging from image enhancement to computer vision on medical imaging has been carried out and data mining and search based on medical data are getting momentum. Digital mammogram, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) images of brain are utilized as sample images [9]. Offline development and niche prototyping were used to create innovative software for the healthcare market. The development of personalized software

to solve specific radiological problems is described. This approach was applied to angiography to analyze renal cancer blood supply [11]. It arrived at the moment when the renal cancer treatment is personalized to every patient. At the presurgical planning stage, segmentations of the tumor and such important blood vessels and tissues as renal artery, renal vein and aorta are needed.

4.2. MRI and Ultrasound

Diagnostic imaging is essential in medical practice for visualization and in turn diagnosis of different diseases and anomalies present in the human body. MRI offers high-resolved detailed images of a wide variety of tissues, making it very useful in the detection and study of tumours and masses. Even for the same protocols and hardware, the image quality and its appearance may vary significantly due to a number of particular effects, artefacts and patient-dependent features. It is well known that moving structures or magnetic distortions will alter both magnitude and phase on k-space. Proper understanding of these effective variables demands the application of processing such as filtering, projection, compression or encoding. Others, like the hyper-echoic signal case, might start a binary amplification on the corresponding operation on k-space. Ultrasound (US) is a simple, safe, real-time and non-invasive imaging modality. It is particularly useful as a first approach to diagnose or monitor certain diseases, like vascular diseases, tumours, foetal imaging and lithiasis. On the other hand, it represents a significant advancement for education and research on magnetic methods, providing as supplementary material a high-quality and interactive way of learning MRI contrasts and parameters. The range of parameters available for MRI are extensive. In clinical practice, an MR examination is planned ensuring contrast is present with respect to the tissues or pathology to be studied [12]. An understanding of MRI contrasts is important for correct image display and tissue pathology recognition. Whilst development of this understanding is provided for students as part of the MRI teaching intervention, the range of MR contrasts of T1, T2 and PD is vast and development in these areas continue throughout MSc MI qualifications. After completing a MRI module over 20 real patient MRI imaging datasets are provided for students to review and gain further understanding of clinical MR imaging. MRI has the advantage over other imaging modalities in that any imaging plane can be selected, and a substantial component of assessed radiographic images include MRI. The evaluation of over 20 different volumetric real patient MRI imaging datasets, comprising patient histories, clinical referral questions and links to histology results, on a PC platform allows students to interact and manipulate factors influencing the production of the MR images. Task related questions and exercises enable students to understand and appreciate the reason why an assessor might ask for certain image contrasts, planes or sequences employed. On completion of this teaching resource, students are asked to evaluate MR image quality, answering a structured set of questions.

5. Sensors and Wearable Technology

The monitoring and maintenance of important life signs and biological parameters have long been supported by sensors and other detection devices. These small ultrasound powers these sensors and provides real-time biosignals from inside the body to external medical diagnostic devices [13]. Sensors and wearable devices allow for continuous monitoring of physical activity, heart rate, and other key health parameters. Such devices come in many forms, from common items like wrist watches to sewable technologies. At the core of all these devices are sensors, like the ones people tested, that measure motion in three dimensions via a triaxial micro-electro-mechanical system accelerometer. But wearable devices are becoming more advanced and diversified as they’re integrated with technology that can track many different attributes. One such technology rapidly gaining traction in healthcare and performance evaluations is an in-ear device. Ear-based wearable technologies are rapidly advancing with the promise of unobtrusive and always-on monitoring of biosignals (such as heart rate, core temperature, and EEG), health (physical, emotional, or cognitive states), wellness or fitness (physical activity, movement, gestures, sleep or ambient sounds), and a wide spectrum of physiologic and environmental

parameters. Wearable technology is a category comprising devices that are used for medical reasons or that help people move positively toward their health and wellness goals. Some notable examples include smartwatches, fitness trackers, smart glasses, and GPS trackers, but this technology is evolving quickly. Such ultra-miniature biocompatible sensors will increase the safety of new diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, and personalized (on-time controllable and adaptable), predictive and restorative treatment strategies and devices. The shrinking of a portable, lensless, and field-programmable optofluidic microscope with a submicron lateral resolution is presented as a representative example. Miniaturized versions of such microscope systems can integrate various biocompatible and clinically relevant miniaturized sensors for high-throughput imaging for assessing blood and tissue properties, in-vivo chemical profiling, detection of microfluidic deformability-based bio-markers, water masers, and so on.

5.1. Types of Sensors

Sensors play an important role in the development of new technologies in the medical field. There are various types of sensors, including Implantable and Invasive Sensors, Measurable Sensors, In-vitro Sensors [14]. Implantable and Invasive Sensors can be more accurate as they get closer to the tissue. In the case of the brain, signals are best recorded from the neurons themselves. However, due to urological limitations, this can be achieved only in a very limited clinical setting, and therefore most recordings are collected non-invasively. Invasive sensors imply that a device is brought into the organ of interest (like a stent in a blocked artery). Implantable sensors imply a minimally invasive procedure where a sensor is injected into the organ (like a sensor for glucose monitoring). Examples are seen in heart monitoring, where the most accurate and reliable measurements are from sensors that are full thorax. Thus, continuous blood pressure monitoring, so common in medical care, is currently done mostly with a pressure cuff placed on the arm. However, due to the long-term nature of the recording, this is not very comfortable for long time tracking. It is even more cumbersome for long-term monitoring than heart failure patients, since each data point tells only a brief story and a patient may experience significant changes between measurements. Implementation of an intra-arterial sensor, elsewhere called stent-based sensor, allows continuous BP tracking without interfering with daily activities. The concept of intra-arterial pressure sensors which allow continuous measurements of blood pressure in the coronary artery and which can be placed during a catheterization procedure is described. The external calibration of blood pressure signals recorded at two sites in sheep is used to demonstrate the safety and proof of concept of the sensor. Intra-arterial Health-Patch (IAHP) is developed, and conductive inks combined with a stretchable substrate allow it to integrate printed electronic components onto stents. Sodium dodecyl sulfate coating is used to reduce the adhesion of the sensors to the stent before deployment. These stents can be safely delivered and retrieved on a normal sheep, and they remain securely implant for extended periods of time, recording heart rate and ECG signals comparable to standalone ECG electrodes. They can potentially enhance the efficacy of patience monitoring post-heart-attacks. Thus, there is a need to discuss therapeutic means of minimizing the impact of HF on the brain. In a new study, HF patients are administered continuous BP monitoring using the CardioLead ECG vest in addition to usual care. The BP data are analyzed to assess changes in brain factors, and the results suggest a potential intervention based on the administration of blood-pressure altering medications, resulting in improved outcomes in terms of cognitive health.

5.2. Applications in Healthcare

Biomedical engineering, as understood today, involves the use of engineering design and analysis in a medical context. BMED transforms the clinical need into a working medical device with the aim of improving patient care. One of the major applications of BMED is the design of an artificial knee or hip for patients suffering from osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Such medical devices comprise a selection of materials such as ceramic, stainless steel and polymeric high-density polyethylene which can efficiently carry loads, undergo repeated motions and remain in contact with internal body fluids. These biomedical materials have to cater to function

for a long period [8].

Medical devices manufactured and used must meet safety and efficacy standards. However, for the average consumer, the reliability of a device and its function in benefiting human beings are of primary concern. Inherently, bio-compatible devices are devised to interact with the body or certain biological fluids and offer no threat to human life. In addition to medical devices, biomedical engineering is involved in the design and development of lifesaving medical equipment such as X-ray machines, CT scanners and artificial heart pumps. With the advent of technology, by the 21st Century, the birth of a new field has emerged, consisting of a merger of BMED and information technology. This field allows for visualization of internal anatomy and constructs three-dimensional mathematical models of living organs, recreating the pattern of motion due to physiological activities. Biomedical equipment and devices are becoming a necessity in order to benefit from future advances in healthcare technology.

6. Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

It is a complex and intricate matter in prediction, diagnosis, treatment, and overall decision in the medical sector. The extensive revolution of AI in healthcare over the last century is marked due to the giant leap of neural networks. AI and biomedical research are intertwined, thus proliferating the capability to restore, right from wound healing to wearable biosensors and AI-augmented therapeutics. The gradual advent of new methods in AI in the last few years in various medical aspects such as neuronal stimulation, nanomedicine, robotics, and gene editing is strived to be liberated to the biomedical community. Particularly, AI has been stressed vigorously in crucial avenues of biomolecular studies and outcome in the cellular domain concerning gene modifications. Stimulators of advanced neuronal have been enthused in the brain parenchyma to tackle neurodegenerative disorders such as Parkinson’s diseases and epilepsy.

A novel benchmark on the design and manufacturing of AI-sponsored wearable diagnostic devices along with their clinical interrelation with deep understanding on current uses, limitations, and industrialization compounds for rising devices is provided. Furthermore, there is a stress given on the negligent yet critical amalgamation of AI and materials. In complicated biomedical scenarios, closed-loop controllers have grown in intelligent prosthetics and surgical robots. Novel outcomes indicated that AI-aided biocompatible materials could induce regrowth near nerve tissue in addition to the scratch-less opening of the membrane.

6.1. Machine Learning Algorithms

Advances in biomedical research have enabled the development of a new generation of medical diagnostic devices based on Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) [15]. The AI/ML technology applied in biomedical diagnostic devices includes, but is not limited to, machine learning algorithms, such as support vector machines, logistic regression, random forests, and artificial neural networks. AI/ML modelling systems typically consist of machine learning models and software algorithms based on the models. A machine learning model is a data-driven or physics-driven algorithm that is trained on data and provides prediction results. The latter assists end-users in making decisions or control processes following the model result definition. A model is trained by optimizing certain performance metrics on data relevant to the task at hand. Such tasks can include, but are not limited to, classification, detection, and prediction. The software algorithm for a medical intended use is a developed and validated system designed to be run with one or more compatible devices. The device receives and/or acquires input data through sensors, runs the software algorithm, and delivers an output of the results or decisions. Software as a medical device for a medical intended use has to be used in a way that is consistent with the manufacturer’s instructions and the clinical evidence provided to obtain the regulatory clearance. The software predicts results on the detection, classification, or quantification of one or multiple medical criteria (biomarkers) to assist medical professionals in the diagnosis or healthcare workflow.

In the digital era globally, machine learning is about extreme use in numerous applications. Machine learning plays a primary role in digitalization nowadays. For instance, the bank is using this tool for fraud detection, CRM has been geared up by the healthcare department to forecast CHF, analysis MRI reports, and insurance companies in processes with risk assessment applications. The distinctive power of machine learning lies towards representation determinant temporal trends in either discrete structure or extracted feature form or continuous structure where the suitability describes the exact variant change of the temporal trends and in the amount of parameter which keep an eye to the energy efficiency in the equipment. Furthermore, variational models are preferred in large-scale as strong-state models which are successful employed in state-of-the-art-machine with either careful engineering which results due to the high cost in terms of computation or using dimensionality reduction or early stage approximation techniques [16].

6.2. Clinical Decision Support Systems

Emergency medicine is one of the most active research areas in biomedical informatics and decision support systems. Time is critical health care. It becomes critical for patients in intensive care units and emergency departments, where timely diagnosis and treatment are important. Computer-aided decision support systems play an important role in reducing the duration of diagnosis, improving efficiency in the allocation of resources, and reducing patient mortality. [17]. Of the 34 million patients visiting the emergency department each year, 4.064 million have been treated for trauma. Five to 6% of these patients are severely injured and require hospitalization. For trauma patients, care in the hospital setting consumes the largest amount of healthcare resources, and greater efficiency is necessary. However, there is a difference in the way the care of patients with trauma is carried out between hospitals. Critical trauma care can be optimized by sharing effective treatment strategies to be carried out using patterns of care. For trauma care in the emergency department, standard treatment can contribute to the improvement of patient outcomes. Several studies describing systems that show how the use of case-based reasoning techniques for the estimation of patient outcomes and resource utilizations can greatly improve the care of patients in the ICU have been presented. In their randomized, controlled trial, an increase in the use of the scoring system increased patient survival, while the duration of stay in the hospital decreased. The use of scoring in the treatment of patients on discharge from the hospital resulted in a decrease in mortality. A considerable number of articles contain an inability to make firm conclusions about the effect of trauma scoring on the outcome of patient treatment with trauma. Although it is possible that trauma scoring correlates well with mortality, it does not follow that scoring can affect patient outcomes. At the very least, the use of scoring as a predictor of clinical outcome is not sufficiently standardized. For these reasons, there is a need for further research focusing on a more neutral evaluation of the effect of trauma scoring on long-term patient outcomes. Recently, new scores have been proposed that are used for the assessment of comfort in the emergency department. In addition, it is recommended that future studies take into account recent changes in trauma treatment. In an acute care practice, adverse drug events are one of the most common clinical abnormalities seen, and the vast majority is never detected. A serious adverse drug event, a harmful and negative event resulting from the use of a drug, is estimated to occur in 5% of hospital admissions. Computer alert-systems that screen for events with a high frequency of harmful adverse drug events in analytical models for decision-making are proposed for a rapid intervention in their care. The system has been implemented and is actually applied on a research campus. It follows the massive results associated with these systems, with an increasing enthusiasm from its supporters. It was also suggested that online publishing could be a useful resource for recognizing serious adverse drug events.

7. Biocompatibility and Biomaterials

The goal of biomedical engineering and medical device technology is to develop life-saving solutions that are nearly invisible to the human visual system. By nature, the products of this

field are hidden inside the human body, and like biochemistry, influences life on a remarkably small scale. On the other hand, the medical field is one of the most conservative sectors, which makes it a big challenge for biotechnologists, since they need to design their products for extremely high reliability standards to meet the expectancy of the medical sector. Clearly, human failure is not an option for any artwork that will be used inside the human body, so that the products of the biomedical engineering industry present the highest technology standards among any sectors.

Some of the most interesting applications of biomedical engineering and medical device technology are beyond the body scanners and assisted surgeries, but are generally understood with more invisible devices like orthopedics implants and heart pacemakers [18]. The relatively new technology trend of miniaturization provokes the mini-debate: a new industrial scenario where products are too small to be serviced or repaired makes disposal about a solely option of any good. Biomedical devices will naturally be part of this debate since they are frequently complex systems on a small scale and may fail for a wide array of reasons. But the physico-chemical viewpoint of device design is a secondary topic in this work. A primary consideration in the development of new biomedical devices must always be first harm, do no harm. Vaccines were the first example of biomedical devices.

7.1. Types of Biomaterials

The introduction of new materials for the production of various types of constructs that can connect directly to tissues has enabled the development of medicine, tissue, and regenerative engineering. These types of materials, called biomaterials, have contributed to a significant improvement in health. This is due to the growing availability of new implants, prostheses, tools, and surgical equipment, which ensure an improvement of living. Biomaterials see application almost in all branches of medicine, this is one of the most rapidly developing fields of technology in the world. Remodelling of destroyed or malfunctioning anatomical parts of a patient is possible due to the application of various types of medical implants made of biomaterials. The work of a physician and patient can also be much more efficient and less invasive if suitable medical, disposable items are used [19].

Biodegradation pace can correspond to the rate of creation of rebuilt tissue and, after fulfilling its job, be removed from the body without an additional surgical procedure. Many works prove, in a number of suitable cases, faster reconstruction of appropriate tissue by the use of biodegradable biomaterials than non-biodegradable equivalents. In the late 19th century, Richard von Volkmann and Erich Lexer used thin slices of ivory to reconstruct missing bone. Nowadays most of the biomaterials are developed for various therapeutic applications. Biomaterials, depending on their applications, are classified into three categories: In the case of dental implants, orthopaedic implants, cardiac implants or cosmetic implants, bulk biomaterials are used to replace or support a particular tissue or organ. Here, the major requirements are biocompatibility and mechanical and physical properties.

7.2. Biocompatibility Testing

The test was performed at 37 °C for 96 hours and 30 days. No surface degradation was observed on Au but the surfaces of the positive controls, stainless steel 304 and GLST, had severe damage. As a result, their CrNi coatings started to disintegrate and a number of micro-flakes were released. Those micro-flakes were observed on 6Au and 6PLM photomicrographs. All of the semiconductor samples (Si and 4H SiC) passed the experiment without any degradation. A pH gradient was formed in the electric field between the anode (stainless steel 304 and SiC) and the cathode (all the other material under test) and its value was measured with pH strips. To expose the samples to correct pH, a stainless steel 304 anode was used in half of the experiments while the reference samples were connected to a copper cathode. After the experiment, no visible effect of pH was noticed on SS/316L and Cu and the same materials were used for the positive controls. All of the other six samples displayed surface damage after the tests. The products CuO

and Ni2SO4xH2O were formed on Cu. On Ni, electrode products NiCl2 and Ni(NO3)2 were formed but their anodes were iron-based, consisting of mirror polished stainless steel 304 while normal polished stainless steel 304 and glassy carbon composite with (C,NF) coating were used for the reference samples. Between 30 samples fulfilling the one-at-a-time Best-Hut filling setup were placed and the setup was placed in an acceleration box. The acceleration boxes were placed in an incubator overnight and after removing the samples from the acceleration boxes, their appearance was visually checked. Although 1M NaNO3 and provaselin passed the experiment without any changes, a number of changes were noticed at 3x10-6 M as-imido-2-phenoxy ethanol, 3x10-2 M NaDBS and 1 M NaCl solution samples. Temperature gradient was formed in the electric field between the anode and the cathode and electrodes were placed on the short sides of the test tubes, that can develop large axial temperature gradients. A temperature strip was attached to the short side of the test tube and its temperature was measured upon the termination of the experiment. The average temperature was used in the analysis. There are some areas of bone that may pose challenges for future engineers. This can be places for biomedical engineers to focus on in improvements on the design of the device. In the emergencies and first aid, first hour after a traumatic event is crucial. In the future, wounded individuals with this kind of devices might carry their own measured by the pressure device with alerts being sent to and ambulance when abnormal values are detected. Holes in somebody's heart or lung require an urgent visit to the doctor. Otherwise, the fluids will start leaking into other sensitive organs. However, the patients starting at a certain income will be able to continuously monitor their levels of natriuretic peptides using this device prevents the above mentioned scenario. A recent trend in sports involves pushing the human body to its limit. Unfortunately, without the proper treatment in time, this has led to several deaths in the arena. With heart attack preventive device symptoms at early stages, an athlete electrode. When the ECG rhythms detected do not correspond to their functional state - meaning the blood flow of one of the three major coronary blood vessels is about to be blocked - the athlete is alerted to stop the ongoing exercise. More advanced versions of this device anticipate the future heart attack and take preventative measures before the athlete stops the exercise, thus this life is saved.

8. Robotics in Medicine

Medical robotics is where disciplines regularly cross boundaries because of the complex, many-faceted, and intricate nature of the human body. Brachytherapy, in which shielded radioactive seeds are inserted directly into a tumor, has shown promising results in several kinds of cancer. Robotics can enhance brachytherapy by automating the precise placement of the seeds and by allowing in vivo dosimetry to be performed using sensors in the seeds. However, conventional imaging is not as reliable for soft-tissue as CT is for bone. The development of a new imaging and treatment paradigm is described. Catheter motion caused by accumulating forces from neighboring tissue or contact with exposed tissue outside the treatment region is a significant concern during the performance of minimally-invasive medical procedures of long duration. An integrated force sensing and control algorithm expected to extend the efficacy, safety and success rates of these procedures is described [20]. A parallel continuum robotic manipulator dedicated to minimally invasive surgery and flexible enough to adapt to different kind of tools and deformation of the surrounding environment is proposed. In the next future, development of MRI dedicated manipulators will be possible, consisting partially or totally of plastic components, infrastructure-free, disposable, fully integrated with imaging probe and cords-free. This would represent an important step forward toward the dream of image-guided interventions without the use of metal. Life-saving medical treatments, especially in early stage detection, are only effective when compatible patient compliance protocols are followed after the medical pretreatment is provided. Most medical devices require a medical practitioner, or a caregiver familiar with the device, to use or apply the device functionality. This places the impetus on the patient to follow the compliant protocol using the device. Many of these protocols are follow-on treatments where the mode of operation is different from the mode of the pretreatment. Current

devices often target pharmaceutical applications as the follow-on method. However during early stage detection, before a harsh pharmaceutical medical pretreatment is prescribed or when surgery is needed, such compliance devices are necessary. Going back to a preventive care treatment, a compliant protocol can be necessary again. Robotics holds future promise here. The use of a robot means the patient interacts with the robot not a practitioner. Acknowledgement of the difficulties that could arise with such an advanced medical device is given. There would need to be an entirely new body of work in patient-robot interaction to fully extract the benefits of robotic care in this application setting. For many years now, medical robots have been the domain of surgical robots. Numerous systems are available for assisting in surgery. Fewer robots have been proposed and even fewer are in clinical use in the other areas of medicine. Except for a few, current medical robots have following significant disadvantageous characteristics. Availability is limited to specific procedures. The high cost price of the robotic system. Intrusion of the robot into the workspace of the primary care givers. Difficult setup and positioning of the robot into the clinic. And possible misinterpretation of the machine by patients. A need for new strategies for rehabilitation using robots that can provide intensive, prolonged, repetitive, and interactive therapy is widely recognized. Past research in robotics has mostly focused on the development of end-effectors or exoskeletons, which can support the paretic limb with various cradle-like supports. it is much more practical to develop wearable devices, such as powered orthoses or exoskeletons actu- ated by EO actuators. There is growing interest in a new generation of Haptic interfaces based on technologies that have only become available in the last three years. Combined with a suitable robotic devices, actuators capable of reproducing very stringent input signals could provide a re- markable level of transparency, and even reproduce mechanical interaction with the virtual environment. Nonetheless, to achieve an optimal performance of state of the art actuators a mechatronic approach for the design of the overall sys- tem is necessary. The requirements are particularly strict for kinesthetic interfaces where the desired force is task dependent and multifrequency. With this countermeasure, the forces are generated using complete solutions of the backdrivability equations. The corresponding voltages are proportionally applied by haptic devices. Despite the external forces are successfully counterbalanced, undesirable vibrations are produced due to the slow bandwidth of the force feedback. The present study aims at providing an online algorithm to compute the feedforward voltages. A surgical robot with high compliance, flexible and user-friendly setup, easy access to the workspace, and low cost is underdeveloped. The device consists of pneumatically actuated flexible arms, a gimbal joint on the end-effector, and force sensors to provide force feedback. In this paper, the robot including the software interface is described. Then, focusing on the on-line trajectory planning, an optimal parametric trajectory planning is proposed. The robot is designed and planned to exploit the safety of a new hybrid control approach for challenging plastic surgical procedures to be used in high compliance and user friendly day-surgery units. In this research, patients with osteoarthritis will be treated with electroacupuncture therapy, carried out by a wearable device, and will use the robotic device at home. Patients with osteoarthritis having pain will be treated with a wearable device providing electroacupuncture therapy. All hardware and software modules are designed for ease of use, specifically for older adults. Patients will be trained at the hospital to use the wearable device, and after treatment will bring it at home. However, no robot-system offering acupuncture therapy is available on the market. This limitation does not allow to carry out the therapy at home and make it more expensive at the hospital. Moreover, devices having fixed constraints, as those available, may not adapt to the morphology of each patient. For these reasons and taking into account that about 15% of industrialized world population is affected by osteoarthritis, a robotized platform that allows the execution of acupuncture therapy is proposed. Preliminary results suggest the significant benefits of electroacupuncture therapy administered by a wearable device. Machine learning is widely applied to establish interfaces that operate robots using brain signals. However, traditional methods analyzing changes in the spectral content or amplitude of the brainwave signal may not be sufficient to directly control the robot with high accuracy. In this paper, we propose an

innovative method for a P300 brain-actuated robot interface that estimates the relative importance of each cue and generates an optimized percept sequence. The experimental results indicate that such an optimized sequence improves both the engagement and concentration of the subject, and this results in a more accurate control of the robot.

8.1. Surgical Robotics

Medical device technology is an indispensable part of any patient safety improvement strategy and encompasses a vast array of medical devices like surgical tools, medical monitoring devices, medical imaging devices, disaster management equipment, and internal implanted devices [21]. From the hospital environment point of view, these devices also include life supporting systems: life sustaining systems (ventilators, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)), life monitoring (electrocardiography (ECG), capnography), and patient supporting systems (beds, lifts). This paper reviews a broad subset of the technology: care facility design, telemedicine, infection control regarding long-lifetime material, implants and devices for patients, and protection against medical errors, mishaps, and facility disasters [22]. Three innovations are developed, the Trans-Slicer, suction attachments, and various prosthetic molds in conjunction with the Lifecast system.

Implants are the inverse of conventional medical devices as they are surgically inserted into the patient, and not removed during normal operation. They carry a heightened risk to the patient due to misoperation, maintenance, battery exhaustion, wireless hacking, and biofilms. Many of the publicized potential enhancements regarding implants are software driven. Software is responsible for determining the actions and interactions the device performs so the behavior of the device is limited by the capability of the controlling software. This research examines a hardware solution, a fitted enclosure that prevents electrical circuits to be connected to ports of the device. There is a growing push to make devices interoperable since it is cumbersome for healthcare practitioners to manage the various means each system uses to send and receiving data. An approach is proposed to secure such a system with wireless communication by the establishment of a whitelist of authorized device pairs. A facility design on a knife-edge between a comfortable interior for guests and a clean environment for patients. The anticipatory space-age technology is covered. Policy to improve patient safety that involves being in the hospital for any operation is the requirement of prophylactic treatment; that is a prescription that the patient must follow prior to arriving at the facility.

8.2. Rehabilitation Robotics

Various rehabilitation devices and systems have been developed to measure and assess the improvement of certain motor functions. They involve Bio-Signal Processing which is the act of managing the electric signals making use of statistical models and algorithms. It has the potential for enervating broad applications in tele-medicine, automated patient monitoring, operating prosthetic devices and rehabilitation. In practice, it is possible to transform brain signals into orders which can operate computers. As to the brain signals, the most important ones are the Electrical Impulse and the Electroencephalogram (EEG) signals. Despite all the advantages, the bio-signal processing finds also important limitations, such as the processed and the remaining signals must have a sufficient RIN, but these conditions are often not fully satisfy [23]. Moreover, the bio-signal processing is relatively emergent, the ability of human, especially dealing with a very complicated problem, is extremely difficult, and easy to make errors. They are some common reasons why the bio-signal processing is a quite antagonistic job. In the last 20 years, rehabilitation robots have become intensively important as they present many benefits for patients e.g. improved body function. In 1970 Takahashi has introduced the first robot for balance therapy. In conclusion, the bio-signal processing is nowadays intensively important in the rehabilitation systems, but it is also a very complicated and difficult operation.

Rehabilitation is a therapy process in which the patients attempt to increase their motoric function in three different aspects such as physiological, kinematical and pathological by means

of ergonometer, special exercise devices, games, manipulators which present various virtual reality systems. From the other aspect, rehabilitation is a social and economic process for the society; through which both patients and healthy people will attain to certain social standards. In this respect, rehabilitation systems also have a meaningful importance in social and economic terms since they can reduce the cost of medical operations [24]. This paper addresses the design, development and implementation of NeXOS, a system developed to measure and treat movement in the sagittal plane of the lower human limb following a stroke. The functional requirements, design approach, hardware, software, and application of the results are detailed. A patented foot-plate device developed to both host the foot and measure key parameters needed to assess function is central to NeXOS. An innovative cable system moves the foot-plate from dorsiflexion to plantarflexion via a neutral position, allowing active and passive exercise of the foot and ankle. Upward mobility in the cable system extends the concept to the knee and hip, allowing a 3-link system to be implemented.

9. Telemedicine and Remote Monitoring

Biomedical engineering, as a critical field where a combination of medical devices and technology meets traditional healthcare practices, can be a mysterious topic for many healthcare professionals. This article will cover the basics about biomedical engineering, the innovation of life-saving solutions, and the basics of medical device technology, from design to final product. Biomedical engineering includes a substantial portion of implanted medical devices (orthopedic, cochlear implants) and prostheses that are used after surgeries (artificial limbs, pacemakers). Hip implants are probably the most typical example, but they are somewhat outdated in design.

Full-length courses and substantial amounts of text books are required to be educated in designing proper solutions that would guide one successfully from the initial idea through material selection, constructional design, prototype testing, FEA analysis to the finished product ready for manufacturing. In countless real-world cases when technology reaches technological limits, prototypes can be additionally improved and redesigned. Modern R&D in medical devices can be successfully conducted only with the help of special 3D design software and this also applies to innovative modifications of existing solutions. Upgrading an obsolete hip design with self-lubricating ceramic surfaces and forming outer geometry into a ‘carbon fibre-reinforced PEEK matrix’ produced by 3D printing could radically enhance its medical application, but these are abilities that regular users of this software hardly possess.

Biomedical innovations don’t need to be (and cannot be) strictly limited to implanted solutions; an example of such a restriction would be ‘Design a pacemaker’. Recent tendencies of technological developments don’t demand wellbeing customers to be hospitalized as often as they used to be; advanced monitor equipment makes it possible to control the most parameters of the organism without getting patient out of bed [25].

9.1. Benefits and Challenges

Introduction of biomedical engineering and of its unified approach to medical technology allows a reshaping of the previous work into the definition and analysis of the entire process leading to life-saving solutions. Firstly, the clinical need is identified. This introduces the problem from the clinical viewpoint in the particular indication, thus defining the target product and setting the preliminary requirements. In the hospital environment, the technological requirements may also be identified, thus fostering the development of a medical device. Risks and benefits are related to the currently accepted therapeutic options, and recent findings justifying that these may regard new solutions, consequently setting the most relevant outcomes of the development process. Then, the intermediate need is considered, which is related to competitive solutions, market potentials, costs. This addresses the economic viability of the new product and the related identification of the potential investors. The technical process is described, with special focus on the development of innovative conceptions based on the analysis of unmet needs or on the redesign of existing solutions. This is the most relevant part where the manifold competences of

biomedical engineering may have their deepest impact. Attention is given to device design in this context, including both disposable and reusable devices, the approach to multiphysics modeling, and to the validation tests on biological and on mock-up laboratory models. Some general-purpose design criteria are also addressed, the most frequently arising during interaction with industry, and the most frequently neglected. The design process is often a development of the initial idea developed in a typical research project. At the clinical/medical side, useful tips to promote the development of viable projects may concern the selection of the clinical partner(s), the manner to conceptualize the clinical need, and to possibly support the clinical trial. At the implementation side of the business plan, some tools of assessment of the market size of the target product are provided.

9.2. Technological Platforms

Medical care does not usually mean only interventions like diagnosis and treatment. Observation, monitoring, life style tracking and coaching are also there, and sometimes far more important, even life-saving than the more invasive actions. Technology brings a lot of new possibilities. The new possibilities are not just specific devices, but new conceptual changes in the systems and everyday roles. The communication devices can change file sharing and such practices.

Medical imaging technologies have gone through a lot of changes, and new ones are continuously emerging. Nowadays also the pre-fit clothing can be produced by using the radiology image of the body, and of the recent innovations are micro-scopes that seem to go even below the natural barriers. New printing technologies are making good progress in custom-printed stretchable tattoos that change color according to the skin condition, and several other areas.

Biological models are much more plastic, and can have special properties having these devices inside. However, for electronics the mechanical support is very critical. This sets fundamental limitations in the devices we are used to and our current ways of thinking the devices. Flexible or stretchable electronics, however, can go to new places, literally, in the body. Some locations, either temporarily or permanently, are simply unreachable for solid electronics.

10. Ethical and Regulatory Considerations

Medical devices offer life-saving solutions to countless ailments and injuries. Few medical devices have impacted people’s lives as significantly as medical implants. For the millions of individuals who have medical implants, these biomedical devices fulfill their intended purposes every day quietly and without fail. These devices allow pacemakers to monitor and help regulate heartbeats, artificial hips and knees to enable normal movement of joints in people with damaged cartilage, and stents to help keep passageways open during and after surgical procedures. This uncovers the innovative approaches to designing more complicated medical devices implanted in the human body. Device design is enabled through advancements in polymer materials as well as electrical sensing algorithms embedded in the medical device.

However, life-sustaining medical devices or medical devices implanted within the body require a significantly higher level of scrutiny due to the risks associated with them. Regulatory oversight by the CDRH remains the primary incentive for making ethical decisions in many medical device companies. CDRH groups licensable medical devices into Class I, II, and III, with regulatory control increasing from Class I to Class III. Emergence of medical device regulations came about after the unfortunate event of the infamous 1977 Dalkon Shield intrauterine device incident, resulting in many women suffering from complications and reduced fertility [26]. Ever since the Dalkon Shield incident, there has been an increase in effort to regulate medical devices and manufacturers, which include innovation of several FDA laws and amendments. Unfortunately, traditional regulations are reactive in nature, often too slow to act, and allows unsatisfactory conditions to persist until enough damage and attention is gathered to pass new

regulations. Several medical device mishaps in more recent years have been attributed to regulatory loopholes and lax oversight.

10.1. Patient Privacy and Data Security

Within each major category, the products that are viewed as the principal or essential means of diagnosing, ameliorating, preventing, or treating disease or other abnormal conditions of the body are referred to as medical devices. Over the past 40 years, medical device regulation has continued to evolve in the field with the introduction of numerous more complex and commercially available technologies. Device technology has advanced significantly in recent years, leading to innovative devices made across a wide spectrum of classes in numerous fields of clinical medicine. Medical devices have been developed that can replace many diagnostic and monitoring functions traditionally requiring large and expensive equipment or ionizing radiation, with high-resolution modalities miniaturized into consumer devices, as well as devices implanted directly in the body [27].

Medical devices increasingly depend on software, as it is a versatile and efficient means of implementing complex algorithms. Ultimately, the computerization of medical devices, like other types of software-equipped devices, is an enabling industry trend. Software permits devices to perform far more sophisticated and varied therapeutic and diagnostic functions than are possible in purely electronic or electromechanical devices. However, software also introduces new risks in its implementation, and the increased complexity arising from software-based systems far outstrips the risk modeling techniques and quality assurance practices that have evolved for physical devices. Just as the robustness and quality of a new software product typically increase over time as issues emerge from early deployments, the same is true of the security of software products.

10.2. FDA Approval Process

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11. Future Trends in Biomedical Engineering and Medical Device Technology

Biomedical Engineering, medical device technology and healthcare in general is an ever changing domain, with rapid technological advances and improvements. The global Biomedical Engineering (BME) device market as of 2018 amounts to about 400,000 million USD, which is expected to grow more than 6% annually during the next three years. In 2018, the biggest shares of BME devices belonged to cardiology and diagnostic imaging. Many aspects of BME and its related fields such as cellular engineering, biomaterials, bioelectronics and bioinformatics are yet to be explored [8]. Currently used healthcare practice predominantly involves diagnostics and replacement therapies. But the future will evolve towards the concept of “compatibility” – being able to detect future diseases and initiate treatments prior to the occurrence of damage. This will be achieved through genome-wide association studies, personalised large-data analysis and machine learning technologies. In the future there will be therapies for various nervous diseases using carbon-fibre-based artificial nerve fibres. Artificial cartilage based on elastin-like protein and water could be used as a cure for osteoarthritis. Concerning the heart, it is possible that the very hot problem of arrhythmia could be solved by personal treatment strategies. Paralysed persons could recover some movements by implanting artificial ulnar nerve (deep learning is mandatory for denoising and decoding nerve activities). Therefore, the study of BME, its accomplishments and technological developments is important for medical doctors, patients and engineers who produce these devices. This overview gives an overview of the development of medical devices and the rapid status of this market and future trends. Due to medical device design constraints, it is important for the engineers working in the medical field to follow and implement the described trends.

11.1. Personalized Medicine

Personalized medicine is about empowerment, that is, patients to have access to their health information at all times. Considering health an important aspect of life and seeking medical assistance when necessary is difficult without having to be mobile. In cases, such as sharing knowledge about health data, Personalized Medicine empowers patients. In case of accidents, while medical help and first aid is being given, emergency personnel can have access to important health data about the patient. Personalized Medicine is about insights into health by being able to visualize, recognize, and take timely corrective action when necessary. In some conditions, similar symptoms can lead to wrong treatment and adverse effects. In an emergency situation, it is essential for medical personnel to know about vital health data to provide appropriate treatment. After an accident, in the event of a loss of consciousness, a Personalized Medical Card offers a unique advantage for first responders and medical staff. It is difficult to recall specific conditions at the time when medical treatment is required. Broadening the oral stream to cover a wide range of conditions, such as medical history, diagnosis, allergies, medication, blood type, immunization records, vital signs, and contact information, is beyond a person's capacity. A new invention in the form of a mention is about a micro-chipped Personalized Medical Card to overcome this limitation. Time saved in the absence of trying to recall important health data can be crucial. Personalized Medical Cards have the capacity to revolutionize treatment in emergency and other potentially life-threatening situations [28].

Reducing mankind's most dreaded real death is seen with enormous significance. Even a small amount of gold can energize a huge quantity of nano-medicine for augmenting cancer. For instance, nanoparticles have huge surface regions relative to their proportions, so they can transport huge quantities of a medication into the most dirty canker cell without inflaming the strong growths. Plus, an ultra-fine gold-coated nano disc would intensify present MRI systems by escalating comparison of images between tens to hundreds-time. Alternatively, a gold-plated nanowire would allow optical imaging devices like optical coherent tomography, with equivalence to strong-root resonance fray. Despite the dollar drop in gold costs, gold can still safeguard money for the health set-up while saving lives. The nanotechnology can be employed for life-sparing assistance to humans. Nonetheless, since certain vital rags to nano riches hipes are baseless, a naturalistic perspective should be meaningfully used in considering nano applications to Modern Medicine [29].

11.2. Nanotechnology Applications

Nanotechnology applications in the biomedical field encompass areas of development of drugs and nanocarriers, diagnostics and imaging, tissue engineering, and the fabrication of medical devices. In drug delivery systems, nanoparticles and nanocarriers, typically with sizes ranging from 10 nm to 150 nm, encapsulate drugs, vitamins, and other therapeutics, enabling their targeted delivery to specific cells or tissues, resulting in increased treatment efficacy and reduced side effects. Passive or active targeting of nanocarriers enhances drug bioavailability at the site of interest while limiting its release in non-targeted areas. Passive drug delivery allows the accumulation of drugs in tissues with a poor supply of blood due to the leaky endothelium of blood vessels. Nanocarriers encapsulating drugs can bypass biological barriers and freely circulate in the blood. The enhanced permeability and retention effect, obtained due to abnormal angiogenesis in oncological processes, is favorable to large-sized molecules and nanocarriers.

The functionalization of the surface of nanoparticles with molecules or polymers increases their specificity for targeted drug delivery. Ligands attached to nanoparticles reversely inhibit their uptake by mononuclear phagocytes. Active targeting of engineered nanoparticles using antibodies, aptamers, or peptides allow for them to more easily cross biological barriers [30]. Nanometric surface modifications improve the biocompatibility of materials, because, naturally, biological responses take place on a nanometer scale. Such functionalized coatings can stimulate cell adhesion and proliferation by mimicking the extracellular matrix. Nanoscale modifications

prevent bacterial colonization of surfaces. Moreover, nanometer surface topographies have been shown to modulate immune responses, limiting foreign body reactions and granulation tissue healing around biomaterials. These coatings and polymer modifications promise to promote improvements in the functionality and longevity of implants such as orthopedic devices, dental implants, and cardiovascular stents.

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