

Reparative medicine.

Reparative medicine is the term used to refer to the replacement, repair or functional enhancement of tissues and organs. In practice, reparative medicine or tissue engineering is associated with procedures to repair or replace portions of or whole tissues (such as [bone](#), [cartilage](#), [blood vessels](#)). The concept of engineering has been introduced, since in many cases, the tissue involved must be associated to the development of mechanical and/or structural properties for proper function.