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Our Project

TENTACLE pioneers a radically new way to treat colorectal diseases thanks to an innovative bioprinting strategy, marking a new chapter in **regenerative medicine** thanks to a cutting-edge use of **biomedical engineering**.

The project plans to do so by integrating multiple **health-related biotechnologies** into a single device which will incorporate two different bioprinters. The procedure consists of using an **endoscopic surgery** to remove the diseased mucosae and replace them with biomaterials.

This project focuses on the patient, therefore the main goal is to offer individuals with specific conditions an improved outlook, free from long-term disabling sequelae or post-surgical complication using **regenerative medicine**.



Methodology



Design a novel colonoscopic bioprinter able to in-situ print

Develop biomaterials, carriers, grid to enable shape morphing and evaluate biomaterial biocompatibility



Engineer a software to guide and accelerate the 4D bioprinting



Testing phase that will assess the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of the TENTACLE process.

Tentacle's solution

TENTACLE wants to attain a complete **in situ bioprinting kit**. The bioinstruments will be a combination of the patient's own cells and **natural biomaterials** specifically designed to be printed directly onto the remaining layer of colorectal tissue and enriched with micro- and nanocarriers that provide advanced active pharmaceuticals.

Once proven its effectiveness, the TENTACLE kit could be used for **other clinical applications** where mucosal and submucosal regeneration is required.

Expected Results



Improve the quality of patients' life with colorectal diseases



Less invasive treatment and advanced endoscopic innovations



New uses for the TENTACLE kit on other diseases