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<https://faculti.net/device-based-enrichment-of-knee-joint-synovial-cells-to-drive-msc-chondrogenesis-without-prior-culture-expansion-in-vitro/>

The video discusses the potential of stem cells, particularly those found in synovial fluid, for cartilage regeneration in osteoarthritis patients. Stem cells can differentiate into various cell types, including cartilage, bone, and muscle, depending on their environment. Research from 2004 identified synovial fluid stem cells as effective candidates for cartilage production, especially in joint conditions.

The study focuses on developing a one-stage procedure that allows the collection and manipulation of these cells directly from the joint during arthroscopy, using a device called the STEM device. This video device facilitates the release of stem cells from the synovium without the need for prior culture expansion. The researchers aimed to ascertain whether these released cells could effectively produce cartilage and whether the joint environment changed from pro-inflammatory to anti-inflammatory following this procedure.

Patients undergoing arthroscopy provided synovial fluid samples before and after using the STEM device, along with blood for platelet concentrate, which is rich in growth factors. Results indicated that agitation of the synovium increased stem cell populations and enhanced their potential for cartilage formation. Additionally, the immune cell environment shifted towards an anti-inflammatory state, supporting cartilage regeneration. Continuous release of stem cells was observed for up to ten days post-procedure, confirming the effectiveness of the approach in promoting cartilage healing.