

CELLINK joins collaboration to improve treatment for burn patients

Working with Umeå University and GE Healthcare, CELLINK will help develop a transplantable skin construct to give burn patients a better quality of life.

Traditionally, patients with severe burns have received keratinocyte-based epidermal sheet transplants. However, these transplants cannot replace sweat glands, nerves or vasculature, leaving patients far from cured. Patients need to moisturize twice daily and stay inside when it's too warm, and they experience additional pain and itching with no treatment option but to reduce overall activity.

CELLINK is combining expertise with Umeå University and GE Healthcare to develop alternative transplants that promote nerve regeneration and reduce patient suffering at the source. The new transplants will contain sebaceous glands or the types of cells that can regenerate dermal layers, nerves and vasculature, providing an innovative solution to improve patients' quality of life.

The project will be conducted through collaborations with burn centers in Norway, Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands, and the researchers aim to begin treating patients in 2020.

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