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CLEANING BLOOD

Rostock has long been regarded for its contribution to the field of extracorporeal blood treatment therapies.

The Fraunhofer Project Group Extracorporeal Immunomodulation (EXIM), in close collaboration with the University Medicine Rostock, strives to continue these contributions and currently works on the development of new extracorporeal therapies as well as on testing and optimizing existing technologies and devices for blood purification. The team comprises a number of specialists from engineering, medicine, physics and biology to work on a wide range of innovative projects.

Examples for these ongoing projects are the development of a wearable artificial kidney, new separation technologies and a blood cell-based approach to sepsis therapy.

We are experienced specialists in the implementation of new therapeutic approaches based on the treatment of blood outside the patient's body. Our expertise includes the analysis of clinical needs as well as the consideration of the regulatory requirements to medical devices.

The EXIM team has excellent connections to partners within the medical and scientific community, especially in the field of extracorporeal blood treatment.

Therefore we are your ideal partner to assess new concepts or realize your ideas.

Our engineering and medical experts will help you with the design, the development or the clinical evaluation of medical products for blood treatment.

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Product testing

In our specialized test lab we perform testing and performance measurements of medical products for blood treatment therapies (hemofilters, dialyzers, adsorbers)

Tests can be performed according to relevant European guide lines or can be designed according to individual requirements. For the in vitro experiments fully equipped labs and state-of-the-art instruments are available.

Examples of assessable performance parameters are:

- Diffusive permeability (clearance, Overall Mass Transfer Coefficient KoA)
- Convective permeability (Sieving coefficients)
- Hydraulic permeability (ultrafiltration rates)
- Rheology (pressure drop, long time characteristics)
- Drug depletion kinetics in adsorbers

Diagnostics

Experimental samples are analyzed in-house or in cooperation with certified labs. This list specifies some of the predominantly tested parameters:

Uremic toxins

- Small molecules
- Albumin-bound uremic toxins
- Middle molecules
- Cytokines

Endotoxins

ABIC - Albumin Binding Capacity

Hemocompatibility

- Hemolysis
- Cell counts
- Immunoactivation
- Cytotoxicity
- Coagulation parameters

IP situation

We patented extracorporeal organ support and replacement therapies and systems.

Partners

- Allmed Medical Industries GmbH
- ARTCLINE GmbH
- B.BRAUN Avitum Saxonia GmbH
- BioArtProducts GmbH
- Clearum GmbH
- CytoSorbents Europe GmbH
- Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald
- Gambro Dialysatoren GmbH
- Furtwangen University
- Infomed S.A.
- Leibniz Institute for Plasma Science and Technology (INP Greifswald)
- NIPRO Europe
- PRIMACYT Cell Culture Technology
 GmbH
- University Medicine Rostock