

Biomechanics Research Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh (cont.)

One of the major interests of the MSRC is biomechanics and tissue engineering of ligaments and tendons or called functional tissue engineering. Use of biological scaffolds and cell seeding are being utilized to enhance soft tissue healing. The final aim is, of course, to perfect the healing after ligament-tendon surgeries and ligament reconstructions. The studies with Small Intestinal Submucosa (SIS) seems promising and the MSRC won the Achilles Award at the last ISAKOS congress in Florida for the current study on this field.

We would like to mention **Professor Alp Goksan** for his studies on biomechanics in Turkey. However I think it is our duty to move these studies forward. We would like to acknowledge our thanks and appreciation to our Professors who supported and encouraged us to come here for research, and to fellow friends who previously worked in Pittsburgh for giving pointers about the city.

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