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Guidelines for Establishing a 3-D Printing Biofabrication Laboratory

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Abstract

Advanced manufacturing and 3D printing are transformative technologies currently undergoing rapid adoption in healthcare, a traditionally non-manufacturing sector. Recent development in this field, largely enabled by merging different disciplines, has led to important clinical applications from anatomical models to regenerative bioscaffolding and devices. Although much research to-date has focussed on materials, designs, processes, and products, little attention has been given to the design and requirements of facilities for enabling clinically relevant biofabrication solutions. These facilities are critical to overcoming the major hurdles to clinical translation, including solving important issues such as reproducibility, quality control, regulations, and commercialization. To improve process uniformity and ensure consistent development and production, large-scale manufacturing of engineered tissues and organs will require standardized facilities, equipment, qualification processes, automation, and information systems. This review presents current and forward-thinking guidelines to help design biofabrication laboratories engaged in engineering model and tissue constructs for therapeutic and non-therapeutic applications.

Keywords

Bioprinting, Biofabrication, Tissue Engineering, Cloud Manufacturing, Deep Learning

1. Introduction

The adoption of advanced manufacturing (AM) to create patient-specific devices and implants is resulting in improved life-changing outcomes. A one-size-fits-all approach is no longer desirable in today's personalised society, and this remains true within the hospital and healthcare sector with increasing demand for customised and personalised medicine. As we move towards the reality of customised implants containing the patient's own cells, or drug delivery systems personalised to the patient's genetic make-up, a major role exists within the AM sector to elevate these therapies for maximum clinical impact. The convergence of AM with medical scanning and 3D computer modelling enables improved personalisation, with medical implants designed to precisely fit defected tissue sites and improve identification of areas prone to re-fracture or injury. Furthermore, these digital technologies can allow computer modelling of tissue growth and mechanical load calculations to improve implant design, success and rehabilitation planning [1]. Beyond the implants themselves, personalised digital models can be 3D printed to assist clinicians in communicating procedural details with patients or for practicing the surgical procedure in advance [2]. These models can also be used to test the quality of fit of tools and implants prior to the operation, leading to improved economical and clinical outcomes [3].

With tissue engineering and bioprinting in its early stages, it is difficult to predict how a biofabrication industry will materialize. Many organizational models have formed and the growing interest of universities, pharmaceutical industry, medical technology companies, food industry, governments, private and public health systems could generate novel hybrid models. The healthcare industry is in a state of centralization along with many other industries. The economic conditions stemming from market and regulatory forces favor the

59 formation of certain types of business and organization models and determines the industry's expected
60 innovation rate. Disruption can occur at any point in time making forecasts mostly conjectural. Thus far,
61 biofabrication laboratories have arisen in the settings of university hospital partnerships (BioFab3D, Herston
62 Biofabrication Institute, Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine) [4-6], biotechnology companies
63 (Organovo, Inc., Aleph Farms), private health systems (Mayo Clinic) [7], and public-private partnerships
64 (ARMI-BioFabUSA, CSIRO Manufacturing) [8-10]. This paper uses the perspective of 3D printing laboratories
65 which have been developed in university hospital partnerships, public-private partnerships, and private health
66 system models. However, the recommendations shared may be applied by all organization models in the 3D
67 printing biofabrication community. Interested parties will be able to consult this paper for design considerations
68 then tailor their laboratory spaces according to their budgets or their areas of specialization. This paper aims to
69 provide a general set of laboratory design instructions within a single document in an attempt to increase the
70 number of functional biofabrication laboratories which are successfully established. Developing effective tissue
71 engineering technologies and successfully translating technologies into approved products is the greatest
72 challenge ahead for biofabrication. However, the bottom-up approach to this challenge is put forward where
73 everyday practices and interactions fostered by laboratory spaces become the prime movers in the growth of
74 processes, technologies, and products. This comes in contrast to a top-down approach that starts with a
75 successful product developed by large research universities, corporations, or government bureaucracies that
76 prompt new firms to form. The bottom-up approach emphasizes spontaneity by trial and error rather than
77 orderly top-down knowledge transmission. By increasing the number of laboratories and players we expect the
78 following likely benefits to emerge from biofabrication development:

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- 80 a.) Increase the number of innovators in the form of tinkerers, hobbyists, and entrepreneurs.
- 81 b.) Increase the number of hypotheses, experiments and trials that generate greater information and new
82 knowledge.
- 83 c.) Increase the number of applications and their impact by bringing technology closer to the clinic.
- 84 d.) Provide greater training, diversification and employment of personnel for a biofabrication-ready work
85 force.
- 86 e.) Diversify the scope of interests ranging from organ, tissue, bioink, and biomaterial development.
- 87 f.) Stimulate the organic formation of local supply chains for future industry growth.
- 88 g.) Increase competition for funding and commercialization to decrease the funding/survival of
89 unsuccessful activities.
- 90 h.) Increase the number of biofabrication interest groups to advocate regulatory reform at local, regional,
91 and national levels.
- 92 i.) Keeping new IP and commercialization opportunities onshore to improve local economy
- 93 j.) Enable clinicians to work closely with engineers to embrace innovation to create faster, cheaper and
94 more automated healthcare solutions to improve patient quality of life.
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96 Biofabrication is a field of advanced manufacturing where specialised 3D printers and biocompatible materials
97 are used to produce personalised tissue constructs. This field has seen enormous growth over the years, and it is
98 likely that hospitals around the world will eventually house facilities containing both advanced manufacturing
99 and biological capabilities. These facilities will have the capability to fabricate tissue constructs matching the
100 patient's anatomy and the technologies to process and culture the patient's own cells for tissue healing. Because
101 of its significant impact on the healthcare sector, AM is projected to be a multi-billion-dollar market before
102 2024 [11]. Wohlers Report forecasts that the three-dimensional printing (3-DP) industry will have revenues
103 exceeding \$35 billion in 2024 [12], largely due to growth within the healthcare industry [11]. Recent advances
104 in tissue engineering and printer technology has greatly increased the applications of 3-DP in hospital settings.
105 As an example, *LimaCorporate* recently partnered with the Hospital for Special Surgery to create the first AM
106 3-DP facility for printing patient-specific orthopedic implants in a clinical setting [13]. The Mayo clinic,
107 BioFab3D, Wake Forest IRM, and the Herston Biofabrication Institute are some of the earliest hospital-based
108 biofabrication laboratories committed to developing personalized tissue-based therapeutics. The broader
109 applications of advanced manufacturing in healthcare extend beyond tissue engineered constructs to the
110 fabrication of personalised protective equipment and components (such as ventilator parts), the production of
111 tissue-engineered structures for disease modelling and drug discovery, generation of anatomical models for
112 medical training and surgical planning, and the engineering of implants and custom prosthetics [14]. As 3D
113 printers utilize a variety of non-biological (e.g. polymers, metals, ceramics) and biological (e.g. decellularized
114 matrices, cells) materials, their applications in the hospital setting also encompass rapid scalability during
115 shortages, supply change adaptability, improved cost efficiency, and greater productivity [1-3,15]. With many
116 healthcare centers seeking to establish 3D-P and biofabrication laboratories, we sought to establish a set of
117 guidelines to inform the incorporation of a manufacturing center within a traditional healthcare infrastructure.
118 Critical to the success of such a center is the requirement to facilitate collaboration between the transdisciplinary

workforce, with the need to enhance communication across the traditional domains of science, engineering, medicine and regulation. Silos cannot exist, and instead improved collaboration is required with a common goal of better patient outcomes. Beyond workforce collaboration, the facility needs to consider the different technological requirements of clinical scanning, computer modeling, 3D printing and tissue engineering and the need to design smoothly transitioning between the technology areas to maintain efficiency, biological sterility and good manufacturing practice (GMP) capabilities. In addition to the workforce and the space, the tools and equipment within the facility are also critical to enable the best possible technologies to be produced in a quality controlled and regulated manner.

As biofabrication services become more in demand at the point-of-care, many health delivery systems will experience numerous challenges associated with the conversion of facilities designed for a non-manufacturing sector or the construction of entirely new manufacturing facilities. Here, we review the specific building requirements, biofabrication equipment and supplies that are required to establish a functioning clinical 3-DP facility. In addition, we will discuss the basic quality management systems that are required to mitigate product variation and defects as well as improve operational efficiency. Finally, we will examine the systems that healthcare organizations will need to develop to manage teams of biofabrication experts, data management and storage, tissue and biologic repositories, regulations, quality control and commercial processes [16].

2. Site Choice and Regulations

Ideally a hospital-based 3D-P biofabrication facility should be located as close as possible to the point of care, with the site being integrated within a hospital campus. This enables critical interaction and rapid communications between clinical staff, researchers and technical experts in all areas of scanning, imaging modelling and 3D-P. The spaces within the institute should be connected in such a fashion as to support the workflow. For example, the scanning area should be adjacent to an area that patients can enter and exit the building discreetly, 3D modelling should be connected to this space, and the 3D-P area should be quite separate and encompass post processing areas and workshops. Those designated “dirty areas” such as workshops should not be located too close to the cell biology and cell culture facilities. It’s also important to consider the implant journey and the need for quality control, regulation, and GMP including the installation of restricted access to these spaces ensuring only authorised personnel can enter. New laboratory facilities will need to be in compliance with one or more municipal, regional, and national jurisdictions. These governing units determine the appropriate building codes, construction methods, building use classification, connection of utilities, fire district regulations, permits for laboratory ventilation systems, etc. Approvals by local governing boards should be obtained before establishing a new laboratory and this is particularly important when these facilities are established on hospital campuses. Industrial insurance carriers should be involved in building plans to determine key design criteria. The International Building Code (IBC, 2019) classifies laboratory buildings engaged in clinical medicine, research, and education at Class A building construction and use Group B. Biosafety Level 1 (BSL-1) laboratory standards has been proposed for bioprinting, however we recommend BSL-2 laboratory for bioprinting [17]. Laboratories should adhere to the biosafety specifications designated in their respective countries (HHS, Council Directive 90/679/EEC, CBS, ABSANZ, etc.) [18-20].

3. Power Considerations

Albeit not unique to 3-DP labs, electrical requirements for printers do present unusual challenges. Prior to the installation of the 3-DP, it is necessary to allow for both a safe environment and future compatibility (i.e. “future proofing”) considering 3-DPs are often upgraded within 24-36 months. The National Electrical Code (NFPA 70, 2011) or International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC 60364) should be consulted to determine wire size and insulation type needed current loads expected for the printing facility. Requirements for electrical machinery and control processes can be found in the NFPA 79 for laboratories based in the United States, while European laboratories should review IEC 60204. Poor power quality can lead to device malfunction, premature failure, or inability to operate. Common power quality problems include blackouts, noise, and frequency or voltage variations (21). Unexpected power disturbances can cause damage to equipment, materials, automated testing devices, which ultimately causes productivity losses. It is strongly advised to install uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) to all equipment to negate any power interruptions, which will be detailed subsequently. Periodic inspection of electrical circuits and components is necessary, and annual preventative maintenance should be completed (NFPA 70B). Inspections should occur more frequently in clean rooms and manufacturing areas. In Europe, periodic inspections are provided by local regulators.

3.1 Voltage/Amperage Requirements

The first consideration for 3-DP installation is adequate allotment for the building’s electrical utility. The standard electrical utilities are often inadequate in their ability to provide appropriate power requirements for high current loads. Non-industrial outlets are limited to 20 amps, while most industrial (high current) loads

require at least 30 amps. A powerful heated build plate in 3-DP plays a critical role in printing large components. To set the plate temperature up to 150°C and avoid thermal contraction of large components, high current power supply is mandatory. For example, a 3-DP with 12” bed needs at least 1000-Watt power supply to properly manage the temperature of the plate. Therefore, the current limit should be considered in early design of a 3-DP lab to accommodate future expansion of the number of printers and decrease the cost of renovations. It is highly recommended to have a 30-ampere breaker with 10-gauge wire run to the outlets.

Laboratory designers should consult an electrical engineer to ensure that power is clean and the voltage does not drop considerably during the operation of 3-DPs. Quality design limits voltage drop across feeders to 2% and branch circuits to 3%. An electrical engineer should perform a power quality analysis to determine possible sources of “dirty” power by examining the building’s current electrical bus. For example, a Fluke 123 Industrial ScopeMeter could be used to analyse and monitor any voltage fluctuations caused by other electric sources. By identifying these sources, the printers could be isolated from unwanted loads via an isolated and dedicated electrical bus for the lab. In addition, 3-DPs should be isolated from unwanted high magnetic fields sources such as MRI magnet. These considerations would prevent power loss to 3-DPs and negate irregularities and printing failures.

Another consideration is the importance of having both 220V and 110V outlets in the labs. Higher voltage/current may be required if powering large printers, multiple printers or devices involved in printing process [22]. A power consumption monitoring device (*WattsUp* power meter) can be connected with the 3-DP and installed into the outlet to measure consumption during printing processes. One study used *PronterFace* software to characterize and fine-tune the energy output for motor, heater and fan components [22]. Recording available power to 3-DPs can also provide liability protection should prints fail. A 25% reduction in energy utilization by 3-DPs occurred after using *PronterFace*. In addition to power supply, the location of the outlets is critical and areas should be designed to ensure that the power can be continually and optimally supplied (i.e. from the ceiling, beneath the floor or on the walls). The venting systems should be considered as they dictate that equipment must be located adjacent to external walls (see section 6).

3.2 Redundant Power Sources

Another critical feature for the lab is establishing an emergency power supply and uninterruptible power supply (UPS) rated for the printers, devices critical to the 3-DP’s operation, and critical process systems—HVAC systems, cold rooms, refrigerators, and freezer equipment containing valuable materials. Emergency power sources can be storage batteries, diesel engine generators, and natural gas generators. Emergency power should be available within 10 seconds making diesel engine generators preferable to natural gas engine sets [23]. Installing UPSs provide an excellent solution since some labs are not part of the building’s emergency power system and these redundant power sources can take a few seconds to restore power. A general rule when deploying a central UPS is to calculate the cumulative amperage requirements of the devices and then design a UPS to handle double this value. This will ensure that there is an adequate surplus for severe overload. In case the UPS experiences continuous overload conditions, its own circuit protection will command it to shutdown resulting in an abrupt loss of power. It is important to determine if the emergency power system will be used to power the 3-DPs for completion of prints already in progress which can be upwards of 20 hours. These few seconds would not only result in the loss of an ongoing print (which can already be 20+ hours in) but can additionally harm the sensitive electronics of the 3-DP. Therefore, it is recommended that these systems be placed on emergency power or UPS. Heated extrusion printers often rely on the onboard fans for adequate cooling. Improper fan function may cause damage to internal printer components which are not apparent to the user if exposed to a temperature greater than 230° C. This may give rise to defects, failed prints, and the second order effects of wasted material, labor, maintenance costs if the manufacturer used fluorinated hydrocarbon-based materials for thermal breaks. Bioprinting laboratories should consider the effect of power interruption on the completion of batch processes (e.g. cell cultures and bioinks) to avoid jeopardizing intermediate and final products. Finally, automated testing systems require clean electric power and continuous operation to ensure quality control measures. Table 1 provides a summary of the electrical codes and standards laboratories should adhere to for particular countries.

Codes and Standards	AU	EU	US
Installation	AS/NZS 3000	IEC 60364	NFPA 70 (NEC)
Industrial Machinery	AS/NZS 3000	IEC 60204	NFPA 79

Table 1: Electrical codes and standards for pharmaceutical plants from Australia (AU), European Union (EU), and United States (US).

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4. Procedural Safety

Adequate “policy” of the lab’s power outlets dedicated to the printers, is necessary as non-familiar staff may plug in non-critical components into the UPS’s circuit. Therefore, battery depletion prior to effective back up time or circuit overload can occur since the UPSs often have a lower output rating than non-UPS circuits. Another common pitfall is not “tagging out” these outlets or making them physically inaccessible to avoid depletion by non-essential equipment. As such, we recommend adequate signage at the entry of the labs prohibiting external devices or unplugging existing devices without the consent of the lab supervisor. It is also recommended that individual plugs be labelled with the following details: the plug’s sustained amperage, service panel location for the plug’s respective breaker, if it is dedicated to a UPS or a 3-DP, and color coded to indicate whether it is UPS-backed outlet, line filtering only, or can be used as a standard plug.

The most common cause of problems and outages is the result of improper power system and equipment grounding. These failures occur from poor design and installation of power systems, rather than failure of power systems themselves. New 3-DPs require proper electrical grounding to avoid safety incidents, which often stem from coupling equipment from different manufacturers [24]. Grounding of equipment not only mitigates the risk of electrical shock to lab staff in the event of an electrical fault but also reduces the risk of stray electrical charge such as static discharge e.g. “static shock” or electromagnetic interference (EMI) that damages sensitive electrical components. A ground bus bar should have the shortest distance to the grounded devices to minimize the length of the ground wire and therefore its resistance. The ground bus bar’s location should be easily visible by lab staff to enable ease of periodic inspection of connections to guard against loose or damaged ground straps. Sensitive electrical equipment to EMI often has an attachment point for a grounding strap. Alternatively, the 3-DP manufacturer can recommend locations to install a proper chassis ground. Some 3-DP labs may be co-located in a medical building that has high voltage devices (e.g. medical imaging devices and defibrillators). Care should be taken that the building’s earth ground is in good repair as these are often metallic rods installed during the building’s initial construction and may degrade over time.

Another consideration is the proper allocation of demarcated physical space and electrical outlets for wet stations, which are becoming common place in 3-DP post-processing areas. Wet stations ideally should be in a dedicated portion of the lab demarcated for use of liquids. Physically spacing non-ingress protected (IP) rated devices from fluids minimizes corrosion from the evaporation of volatile chemicals as well as decreases the risk of unintentional splashes or spills. Flooring should not be carpeted but rather a non-slip, non-absorbent surface which is tolerant to chemicals used in post-print processing (e.g. acetone, ethanol alcohol). The electrical outlets should be equipped with ground fault circuit interrupter variant (GFCI) which mitigate the likelihood of electrical shock from liquids.

5. Vibration Isolation of the Printers

Reducing vibrational effects is often overlooked for fused deposition modelling (FDM) printer installations. Facilities should identify potential vibrational sources (traffic, trains, turbulent airflow, people walking by, etc.) and consider taking vibration suppression measures [25]. Laboratory layouts should avoid placing printers near elevators, mechanical rooms, and heavily used pathways to further reduce vibration. Printers are also prone to inducing vibrations within the cabinetry they rest upon. If the printers are left undamped, vibrations can cause artifact in the ongoing print as well as other printers sharing the workspace. These vibrations are often caused by the jerk from sudden effector plate movements and are exacerbated by increasing printer speeds. These vibrations can have deleterious effects during the printing process especially if it induces harmonic resonance of the printer’s chassis. This results in significant amplification of otherwise imperceptible oscillations.

Vibrations can be mitigated by installing the printers on a “floating surface” or mounting device. This is often accomplished by placing a vulcanized rubber mat between two solid surfaces prior to machine installation. Further damping can be accomplished by applying acoustic damping materials (ADMs) such as *Dynamat* to the chassis. Care must be taken to ensure that ADMs placement which will not interfere with the printer’s mechanical operation. ADMs should make contact with the printers manufacture or move the build plate as well as effector plate to all end limits to avoid mechanical interference. The material effectively converts vibration to thermal energy thereby providing further damping. Therefore, ADMs should be applied centrally to larger portions of the printer’s metallic exterior chassis. Another consequence of the aforementioned processes is reduction in acoustic dB within the lab. This provides a quieter work environment for lab staff especially during multiple printers operating, simultaneously. Acoustic and structural engineers can be consulted for further recommendations on laboratory design and vibration control methods.

296 **6. Ventilation Requirements/Considerations**

297 Proper design for HVAC systems is essential for environmental control and active monitoring of AM clean
298 room conditions (e.g. temperature, humidity, pressurization, and filtration). Isolating the 3-DP laboratory's
299 heating, ventilation and/or air condition system (HVAC) from the rest of the building is highly preferred as
300 FDM printers can be significantly affected by ambient room temperature, humidity as well as air currents over
301 the build space. Having a dedicated HVAC system for the medical 3-DP laboratory would be ideal, and the
302 location of the controls should be mounted in a location that is accessible to lab staff. A 3-DP laboratory should
303 be designated as a classified space under the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) 14644-1.
304 Classified spaces are designed to reduce airborne contaminants below a certain threshold. In addition, classified
305 spaces are more tightly controlled for temperature and humidity than the ambient environment. HVAC systems
306 should also have redundancies since failure of adequate cooling/ventilation would often require lab staff to
307 suspend printing operations. Additionally, by having dedicated HVAC systems for the laboratory the system can
308 be designed to decrease ingress of dust/foreign materials through the utilization of *high efficiency particular*
309 *absorbing* (HEPA) rated filters. Filter classifications can be found in the HVAC Systems and Equipment
310 Handbook from ASHRAE. Pre-filters should be installed to decrease the particulates reaching HEPA filters.
311 Filters should be changed per manufacturer's recommendations. Most HVAC systems will not have HEPA rated
312 filters, and therefore, will not adequately decrease aerosolized microparticulates that can cause premature failure
313 of linear ball bearings. This may result in decreased tolerances and increased resistance. Increases in resistance
314 can also negatively impact stepper motors, which subsequently increases current requirements and places
315 greater strain on motor controllers. Decreased tolerance from mechanical wear permits excessive movement
316 between the guide rods and linear ball bearings thereby decreasing print accuracy and increasing artifact.
317 Inadequate filtration and airflow control can also cause contamination in bioprinting process. Sterile facilities
318 should ensure unidirectional airflow and appropriate speed to move particles away from manufacturing or
319 testing areas. Personnel flows should also be unidirectional to minimize the risk of contamination for
320 bioprinting operations. Airlocks offer a physical solution to segregate areas, regulate airflow and control
321 pressurization to further prevent cross contamination and ingress of contaminants in manufacturing areas. The
322 U.S. FDA cGMP regulations are general for HVAC systems with regard to pharmaceutical products, however,
323 we recommend ISO 5 (Grade A) standards for biosafety cabinets, ISO 6 (Grade B) for biomanufacturing clean
324 rooms, and ISO 7 to 8 (Grade C/D) for support areas. Table 2 provides a summary of clean room environmental
325 standards for different regulatory bodies.

327 The air exchange rate or flow of a laboratory's HVAC system is another consideration especially if working
328 with materials that contain or release volatile solvents. In the case of metal printers, integral processes are in
329 place which can decrease the amount of ambient oxygen. Air quality monitors should be considered/installed
330 that measure harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as well as the oxygen content in areas housing metal
331 printers. Oxygen alarms at the entrance of the lab should be installed in these applications as many metallic
332 printers operate in an inert atmosphere and this can lead to an oxygen deficient environment. To decrease
333 VOCs, ventilation hoods should be appropriately placed and/or filtration systems such as IQ Air Chem filtration
334 systems should also be considered. HVAC engineers should be consulted to design, optimize, and control
335 laboratory conditions (temperature, humidity, air exchange, pressure) for new builds or modified spaces.

EU Grade	ISO (Standard)	US Federal Standard	Air Change per Hour
A	5	100	600
B	6	1,000	35
C	7	10,000	25
D	8	100,000	15

337 **Table 2:** Clean room environmental standards

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339 **7. Laboratory space and storage**

340 Prior to the construction of the laboratory, careful deliberation should occur when selecting certain types of
341 printers and their particular space requirements. Space requirements will be influenced by the size and number
342 of 3-DP, post-print processes, workspace for lab technicians, storage of printing materials and tooling, and
343 clean/sterile workspaces. At the entrance of the laboratory space, there should also be signage communicating
344 required safety placards, a diagrammatic layout of the lab space, and areas requiring special garments or
345 equipment prior to entry (these areas can also be demarcated by high visibility tape/paint on the floor if physical
346 barriers are not a viable option). Lab spaces will be quite different in a service provision laboratory which is run
347 by technical staff compared to a university research space for example which may have a higher turnover of
348 users, some of whom may initially not be adequately trained on equipment or aware of safety considerations.
349 Swipe access is advised for all spaces and appropriate training should be delivered to ensure safe activity within
350 the spaces before secure access is granted.

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352 Within the lab space there should also be an inventory list documenting printer location and their respective SN
353 or local network addresses. This information will often be inaccessible once the 3-DP is installed and will make
354 troubleshooting more straightforward when contacting the manufacturer (many printers have this information
355 within their settings, but this can become inaccessible if the printer has a failure of its onboard power supply or
356 display screen). This information might also extend to paperwork covering maintenance dates, contact details
357 for technical assistance and the owner or “super user” of the equipment who should be the first point of contact
358 within the lab. Another important placard would contain a diagrammatic representation of the laboratory’s
359 electrical layout, current power requirements of each of the 3-DP, and ancillary post-processing equipment. It
360 should indicate the locations of the breaker enclosure and outlets, each outlet’s supplied voltage and maximum
361 amperage draw, and the 3-DP’s location and its required voltage and amperage. At the breaker enclosure each
362 breaker should list the 3-DP (if hardwired) and outlet that is supplied by the respective circuit and the circuit’s
363 amp rating.

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365 If the lab contains hazardous materials, their quantity and location should be detailed at the entrance of the lab
366 and in compliance with local safety/fire codes. These local safety/fire codes should be reviewed prior to the
367 acquisition of the materials and often local fire departments have fire marshals/liaisons that can provide further
368 guidance regarding local ordinance/registration requirements. In addition to the building’s previously existing
369 fire suppression system, bespoke halon systems can be considered as their activation/use will not damage
370 sensitive electronic equipment. Lab staff should also have scheduled/recurrent safety briefings on the
371 laboratory’s safety equipment and its proper use.

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373 To ensure minimal unscheduled lab downtime, replacement parts and necessary tools for the 3-DP’s repair
374 maintenance should be kept on site. There also should be procedures written for proper storage as well as which
375 staff are allowed to perform the 3-DP repair/maintenance that is in compliance with the 3-DP manufacturer.
376 These procedures help protect the device’s functionality and avoid violating any warranties/service contracts.

377 **8. Bioprinting aspects for a medical 3-DP laboratory**

378 **8.1 Facility requirements**

379 Apart from the aforementioned requirements for an AM laboratory, there are many more to be satisfied for a
380 3D-P laboratory dedicated to bioprinting. Bioprinting is defined as “the use of computer-aided transfer
381 processes for patterning and assembling living and non-living materials with a prescribed 2-D or 3-D
382 organization in order to produce bio-engineered structures serving in regenerative medicine, pharmacokinetic
383 and basic cell biology studies” [26] and is considered an upcoming technology in the AM field. In bioprinting,
384 living materials i.e. cells and other materials with a biological origin are employed.

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387 The facility requirements for bioprinting overlaps with modern biotechnology facilities in the pharmaceutical
388 industry. Both should have distinctive areas for manufacturing and manufacturing support. Standard
389 biomanufacturing areas include designated rooms or operational areas for media preparation, buffer preparation,
390 cell separation, harvesting, and purification. Support areas in biotechnology facilities typically include a cell
391 bank, quality control laboratory, weigh and dispense room, freezer room, and cold rooms. Facilities should have
392 surface finishes that are durable, cleanable, functional, sustainable, maintainable, and cost-effective [27]. Design
393 teams should create layouts using a process segregation approach to organize areas, their adjacencies, and the
394 flow of personnel, material, equipment, and waste. This strategy mitigates contamination risk along with
395 selecting clean space classifications for each operational area. Airlocks should be used to maintain area
396 classification by allowing transition of people, equipment and materials without altering room pressurization.
397 Laboratory managers should employ spaghetti diagrams, which visually represent the flow of materials and
398 people to further eliminate process flows for redundancies and contamination risks. This section will focus on
399 features unique to bioprinting laboratories compared to generic biotechnology facilities and clinical laboratories.

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401 It is crucial that any laboratory dedicated to bioprinting has a variety of facilities/equipment besides the
402 bioprinters (manufacturing), including cell culture facilities (production) and microscopy equipment
403 (monitoring). The facility should be designed so each of these activities has a dedicated space, and their
404 cleanliness matches the safety risk outlined in current Good Tissue Practices (cGTP) Code of Federal
405 Regulations (CFR) Title 21, Part 1271 and CFR 21, Parts 210 & 211. In addition, the FDA’s Guidance for
406 Industry: Sterile Drug Products Produced by Aseptic Processing-cGMP and EU’s Annex 1 can provide greater
407 detail on appropriate laboratory control [28,29]. Furthermore, operation of the equipment and the facility as a
408 whole should be carried out by highly qualified staff with backgrounds in cell biology, materials science and
409 bioengineering to cover all the unique sections in a bioprinting facility, which are discussed in detail below.

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411 **8.2 Quality Management Systems**

412 *Advanced therapy medicinal products for human use (ATMPs) have different regulatory frameworks in the*
 413 *European Union and United States. In the EU, tissue-engineered products are governed by Directive*
 414 *2009/120/EC, whereas, the US is governed by Title 21 CFR 600-680. Table 3 summarizes the review by*
 415 *Oberweise et al., which provides a worldwide overview of regulatory frameworks for tissue-based products*
 416 *[30]. Biofabrication laboratories should familiarize themselves with their national standards before pursuing*
 417 *products intended for humans [24]. The purpose for current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) and*
 418 *current Good Tissue Practices (cGTP) is to verify the purity, identity, viability, and stability of manufactured*
 419 *products throughout production. If there is an intention to implant anything biofabricated then establishments*
 420 *will need to implement a quality system to ensure compliance with cGMP and cGTP requirements as well as*
 421 *seeking FDA, CE or TGA approval for the final product. Quality Management Systems (QMS) assure product*
 422 *specification, ensure quality is maintained throughout its process and mitigates potential risk. QMS for product*
 423 *manufacturing is based upon a set of standards outlined in ISO 9001:2008. The International Conference on*
 424 *Harmonisation (ICH) adapted QMS standards specifically for the pharmaceutical industry [32]. QMS for cell*
 425 *therapies generally includes validations, quality control programs, quality assurance programs, and standard*
 426 *operating procedures (SOPs) that describe the activities in each category. Quality control (QC) monitors and*
 427 *reviews QMS of the starting materials, process, and product. Additionally, QC ensures testing and validations*
 428 *are executed and evaluates the associated documentation. For large operations, quality assurance (QA) units*
 429 *routinely audit records independent of the manufacturer to ensure all SOPs are adhered to and QC meet their*
 430 *criteria. Smaller facilities may manage QC and QA responsibilities by a single individual. A support laboratory*
 431 *should be devoted to QC/QA, and furnished with the necessary tests, processing equipment, and environmental*
 432 *controls. QC and QA provide surveillance for deviations (e.g. process changes, non-conforming specifications,*
 433 *or GMP non-compliance) and reports them for quality improvement and risk management. Diagnostics*
 434 *identifies the source of faults, and prognostics (continuous monitoring) is performed to detect early signs of*
 435 *structure, systems, and component decline. Before the final product can be used as a treatment, it must be*
 436 *formally cleared by the QA manager. Formal clearance is completed after reviewing batch records, deviation*
 437 *reports, QC testing, and monitoring records.*

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 439 Establishing documented evidence during the manufacturing process is a critical component according to the
 440 FDA’s Guideline on General Principles of Process Validation [33]. Documentation ensures a process will
 441 consistently yield a product meeting predetermined specifications and qualifications [33]. Validation entails
 442 planning specific tests and acceptance requirements in advance, which should be summarized into a protocol.
 443 Once a manufacturing process is validated, the process can be monitored continuously using statistical controls
 444 to achieve specific quality standards [34]. Bioprinter validation should be performed by the supplier or specialist
 445 to certify it is fit for purpose with periodic calibration described by the manufacturer [35]. Equipment should be
 446 stored in locations that do not interfere with airflow. Cleaning and maintenance of bioprinters should be
 447 performed using well-defined procedures and schedules [36]. Validation engineers specialize in documenting
 448 and executing protocols based on approved procedures and standards (ISO, IEC and FDA) and should be
 449 consulted for commercial development. Table 4 provides an overview of QMS and its core components
 450 (QC/QA and Validation).

Tissue-Based Product Regulations						
Country	Australia	Canada	EU	Japan	South Korea	USA
Regulatory Body	The Therapeutic Goods Administration	Health Canada	European Medicines Agency	Ministry of Health, Labour and Wealth	Ministry of Food and Drug Safety	The Food and Drug Administration
Regulation	ARTG & TGA 1989*	Food and Drugs Regulations	EC No. 1394/2007#	Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Act	Pharmaceutical Affairs Act	PHSA section 351 & 21 CFR 1271^

451 **Table 3:** National regulatory bodies and regulations governing tissue-based products.
 452 *Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods and The Australian Government Therapeutics Goods Act 1989
 453 #European Commission Number 1394/2007
 454 ^The Public Health Services Act section 351 and 21 Code of Federal Regulations 1271
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Quality Management System		
Quality Control	Quality Assurance	Validation

Facility monitoring Facility maintenance Equipment monitoring Materials management Tissue processing Packaging, labelling, delivery	Surveillance, Diagnostics, Prognostics Document control Audits Batch release Clinical trials management	Equipment Facilities Reagents Processes
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Table 4: Quality Management System

8.3 Cell Production facilities

Laboratories should maintain and update information data sheets listing specifications for all required materials to ensure bioprocess and product consistency. Batch records should document the development of patient material in each stage of manufacturing e.g. biopsy, shipping, and disposal in compliance with (21 CFR 211.188) along with all equipment, reagents, and supplies used during their manufacturing [36].

In bioprinting, cells are often the most important/delicate component of any bioink. Therefore, cell culture facilities should be at the core of any bioprinting facility. Cell culture facilities should be tailored to the specific cell types used in the inks. For example, facilities that employ the use of cells isolated from primary tissue should have dedicated equipment for processing the obtained donor tissue and may involve a separate quarantine incubator and tissue culture hood to maintain isolated primary cells for screening of potential infection prior to cell expansion. The instrumentation of these facilities can vary as established isolation protocols can differ between different tissue types. Independent of the tissues processed, the facility requires a fridge to store cell culture media as well as a -20°C or -80°C freezer where growth factors and other media supplements can be stored over an extended period of time. Liquid nitrogen storage is essential for aliquots of expanded cells which may require freezing down to store for a later date. Furthermore, all of the facilities which are involved in the production of cells will need to comply with 'good manufacturing practice' (GMP) standards which is required for cell-based therapy approaches [37]. GMP is a quality system certifying that products are manufactured safely and consistently and to specified standards.

With regard to biosafety, it is generally recommended that human and other primate cells are handled within biosafety level 2 (BSL2) facilities [38]. This requires the use of class II biosafety cabinets (BSC) throughout the facility. These BSC contain HEPA filters which filter the exhaust air from the cabinets. This air can be safely recirculated into the laboratory or directly exhausted to the outside. Such BSC are required to be tested and certified at least on an annual basis. Any biologically contaminated waste produced from a BSL2 facility needs to be decontaminated and the facility therefore requires instrumentation to do so. Autoclaving, chemical disinfection or incineration are common methods for decontamination but any validated method for decontamination can theoretically be employed [38].

While GMP and biosafety requirements are similar in many aspects such as the need for restricted access or mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE), they differ significantly with respect to ventilation requirements. While GMP facilities keep any contaminants out of the facility to protect the product (positive pressure against the surrounding environment), biosafety facilities require that the contaminants are contained within the facility to prevent the escape of materials to the outside (negative pressure versus the environment). To solve this problem, biosafety areas contained within a GMP facility can be put under positive pressure compared to the outside environment but at a negative pressure compared to the rest of the facility i.e. the GMP facility is at the highest pressure, the biosafety area at the second highest pressure and the outside is at the same or lower pressure as the BSL2 area [39]. The inward directional airflow needs to be maintained to ensure containment of the BSL2 facility within a GMP environment, hence redundant ventilation aggregates are required for backup should the first one fail.

Depending on the tissue targeted in the bioprinting process, the size of the construct as well as cell density within the bioprinted construct (#cells/ml) can vary. However, generally a large number of cells are required for the creation of a bioprinted construct and large-scale culture systems therefore become important. Single-use (disposable) bioreactors are usually employed for cGMP production approximating 2,000 L scale in clinical manufacturing, which simplifies the maintenance of an axenic environment for staff. Bioreactors require additional gases (e.g. N_2 , CO_2 , O_2) to control conditions within the bioreactor. For anchorage dependent cells, a variety of methods exists, however, the stacked plate system as well as cell carriers in a spinner flask are considered most viable [40]. The number of cells produced within a certain time period needs to be considered when choosing the right incubators for the production facilities.

8.4 Cell Preparation

Cell characterization assessments should be performed on pre-production bulk cells to verify their identity, purity, viability, and safety [34,35]. In-process testing should be performed on samples during each critical step

511 *of biomanufacturing. Viability tests are necessary to assess whether growth conditions are resulting in cell*
512 *death [43] these tests include: Tryptan blue exclusion method, MTT assay, and live/dead assays. In addition,*
513 *sterility assessments are required to prevent culture contamination by bacteria or fungus. Current GMP*
514 *guidelines should be followed for all cell therapies. All cell cultures should occur within a clean room protected*
515 *by a HEPA filter to eliminate airborne contaminants. Confirmatory sterility tests can be performed periodically*
516 *on small amounts of cell batches during expansion [44, 45]. Commercial purposes require additional sterility*
517 *tests from regulatory bodies i.e. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or European Pharmacopoeia (EP) [46].*
518 *Inoculator or filtration methods are two common practices to confirm sterility [47]. Viral contaminants can be*
519 *detected using Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA). These processes ensure no impurities are*
520 *transmitted to patients. Medium fill simulation should be used to certify aseptic status at each stage of the*
521 *manufacturing process [48-50].*
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523 **8.5 Cell Monitoring Systems – environment and microscopy**

524 Commencement of a process operation requires verification from the QA team that a process room has passed
525 documented sterility testing, which includes sampling room surfaces for microbial organisms and particles.
526 GMP recommends using both contact and settle plates (e.g. tryptone soya or Sabouraud agar) for monitoring
527 bacterial and fungal contamination. Settle plates test for the number of microorganisms deposited by air within
528 cleanrooms, while contact plates test for the number of microorganisms on any surface within the cleanroom
529 [32]. Requirements for contamination control are summarized in Table 5. Air circulation should also be
530 monitored using an air sampler at high pressure inlets. Building automation systems (BAS) and their sensors
531 play an important role in environmental control and should be validated, periodically. BAS should be
532 supplemented by manual monitoring to detect any faults in the automated system [32].
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534 To monitor the quality of the cultured cells and the bioprinted constructs, a 3-DP laboratory would require
535 specialized facilities which can be used to examine and characterize the manufactured cells and tissues. Whilst
536 these processes may be done manually, there are advantages to using automated systems that can replace the cell
537 culture media. Some advanced systems may also contain plate readers for biological assays and have the
538 capability to take brightfield or even fluorescent images. Both methods can be used to track the progress of the
539 tissue maturation and determine the appropriate time to release the manufactured tissue to be implanted into the
540 patient. Automated cell culture systems have a relatively large footprint, but their advantage lies in minimizing
541 the required manual manipulations which, apart from imparting increased reproducibility, also reduces health
542 and safety risks associated with tissue culture. Several classes of image analysis software have been developed
543 to keep pace with automated microscopy, specifically, companion packages (e.g. MetaMorph—Molecular
544 Devices, Elements—Nikon), commercial programs (e.g. Imaris—Bitplane), and open-source packages (e.g.
545 CellProfiler, Icy, KNIME, ImageJ/Fiji) [51]. Laboratories should consider the advantages and drawbacks when
546 selecting image processing tools. As one of the goals of bioprinted tissues is to make the tissues patient-specific,
547 standard protocols might not be suitable with respect to timelines and constant monitoring of the tissue
548 maturation would require dedicated staff to do so. Furthermore, most automated systems are optimized for 2-D
549 cell culture and the evaluation of the 3-D bioprinted constructs might still require dedicated and highly skilled
550 technicians to perform the monitoring.
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552 *Confirming cellular phenotype is an important step to avoid cellular dedifferentiation during cell expansion.*
553 *Immunophenotyping and immunohistochemical analysis are two preferred techniques to identify phenotypic*
554 *properties and determine if the cells are healthy or abnormal [52]. If the chosen cell type can be clearly*
555 *identified through surface markers, fluorescence assisted cell sorting (FACS) is an excellent method to assess*
556 *the identity of all the cells within a population. Genomic assessments can also be performed using quantitative*
557 *PCR, karyotyping, fluorescent in-situ hybridization (FISH), telomere length assay, or beta-galactosidase*
558 *quantification. PCR arrays systematically screen numerous genes to ensure cells retained their desired*
559 *phenotypes [53]. Karyotyping can detect chromosomal instability or fragmentation that may accrue in cell*
560 *cultures [54, 55]. Telomere length assays and beta-galactosidase identify cell senescence that may limit their*
561 *proliferative capacity in bioprinted structures [56, 57].*
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563 *Deep learning methods performing cellular image analysis using low-resolution images can now be*
564 *implemented via open-source convolutional neural networks (ConvNets), such as CellProfiler and Cell*
565 *Cognition Profiler [58,59]. ConvNets have shown proficiency in identifying cells within mixed populations*
566 *along with individual phenotypes. Microscopic images with poor resolution or low signal-to-noise ratio can be*
567 *restored in real time using a combination of deep learning and content-aware image restoration networks [51].*
568 *Thus, downstream analysis is improved and allows microscopes to operate at higher frame rates, lower light*
569 *intensities, and shorter exposures [60]. Some deep learning software packages can adapt to new cell types or*
570 *imaging modalities more readily than others, so laboratories should consider these capabilities if their*

571 laboratory intends to specialize or generalize their biomanufactured outputs [61]. Implementing automated
572 process monitoring systems can improve phenotypic assessment accuracy and reduce time devoted by staff
573 towards visual inspection. To effectuate computer vision for phenotypic profiling, laboratories must develop
574 algorithms or use commercial off-the-shelf software tools for cell segmentation, feature extraction, feature
575 selection, dimensionality reduction, and cluster or classify resultant profiles [62,63]. Segmentation algorithms
576 execute edge detection, region growing, thresholding Markov random fields or machine learning to distinguish
577 cells from their environment [64]. Large-scale datasets examined in biofabrication laboratory settings should
578 use high-performance algorithms since they take less time to run [65]. Feature extraction algorithms derive
579 morphological and textural attributes from the microscopic images and the previously mentioned image
580 analysis packages can perform this function [66]. Next, the feature selection algorithms sort useful features
581 from uninformative features. After selecting useful features, laboratories can implement supervised learning
582 (e.g. classification) or unsupervised learning (e.g. clustering) methods to categorize phenotypic profiles.
583 Intelligent systems are now being used to automate large-scale phenotypic screening procedures by combining
584 reflection-based autofocusing microscopes with machine learning platforms (Micropilot, Cellprofiler Analyst)
585 [51,64,67]. A crucial step in computer vision is image pre-processing for improving image quality such as
586 image denoising, deblurring and image normalization [63]. The normalization matches the fundamental visual
587 features (e.g. resolution, color distribution, denoising, range of intensity values, and de-blurring) for each image
588 to improve the cell profiling [68-72]. Image registration enables visual analysis from heterogenous image
589 sources or different acquisitions of the same image modality. Images also undergo data augmentation which
590 transforms images via cropping, rotations, mirroring, and flipping to increase the quantity and diversity of
591 training data for machine learning algorithms. Other reviews are available that concentrate on deep learning and
592 computer vision techniques for cell image analysis [72]. Finally, cell sorting is an important but time-
593 consuming task during cell culturing and prior to selecting cells for inclusion in biopinks. Intelligent image-
594 activated cell sorting (iIACS is a machine-intelligence technology allowing real-time automated operation for
595 sorting of specified cells [73]. A guide is available detailing how to design, build, and use an iIACS machine,
596 which requires a microfluidic chip, a cell focuser, a microscope, a speed meter, specialized optics, an image
597 processor, neural network and a cell sorter [73]. Constructing a cell sorting system will require expertise in
598 optical system design, digital system design, image processing, microfluidic chip design, sensor-actuator system
599 construction, and flow cytometry experimentation.

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601 Data processing time is a computational bottleneck for implementing automated cell image analysis. Groups are
602 aiming to address this problem with one group developing a deep learning program (e.g DenseDeconNet) that
603 achieves a 50- to 160-fold increase in image deconvolution for optical microscopes [74]. Implementing deep
604 learning methods for cytology analysis can lead to improvements in quality assurance for biospecimen selection,
605 enhance reproducibility, and improve specimen quantitation [75]. Laboratories should be aware of these process
606 improvements when designing their image analysis workflows. As previously mentioned, computational
607 constraints may be encountered with deep learning image analysis such as insufficient dynamic random access
608 memory (DRAM) [76]. This may require laboratories to use multiple GPUs for processing large batch sizes or
609 reducing batch sizes while training the algorithms. Advances in GPUs and/or introducing cloud computing can
610 alleviate this bottleneck. In summary, cellular and tissue biomanufacturing will require extensive online process
611 monitoring via microscopic and sensor monitoring to achieve consistent and predictable quality standards [77].
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Grade	Settle Plates, cfu/4 hours	Contact Plates, cfu/plate	Air Sample, cfu/m ³
A	<1	<1	<1
B	5	5	10
C	25	25	100
D	50	50	200

613 **Table 5:** Limits for Microbial Contamination (EU cGMP Annex 1)—colony-forming units (cfu)
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615 8.6 Manufacturing facilities – the bioprinters

616 Depending on the type and capabilities of the bioprinter employed for the tissue manufacturing, different safety
617 precautions need to be set in place with regard to the PPE and warning signs. Personnel entering ISO 5/6 (Grade
618 A/B) areas should remove outdoor shoes and clothes put on sterilized gloves, hood, coveralls, shoe covers, face
619 mask and safety glasses. Clothing requirements for clean rooms can be found in IEST Recommended Practice
620 (RP-CC-003.2) and EU Guidelines. Common safety hazards around a bioprinter include moving parts, high
621 pressure (extrusion bioprinting), lasers (e.g. stereolithography printers and laser induced forward transfer
622 bioprinters [78] and ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Most of these hazards can be controlled by placing the printers in
623 a biosafety cabinet which needs to be closed for the printer to operate. Some bioprinters are already designed
624 and integrated within biosafety cabinets to maintain sterility, many of these bioprinters have been reviewed

625 extensively in terms of their capabilities [79-82]. Video cameras independent of the bioprinter cameras should
626 be installed to monitor the printing process. Independent cameras are akin to flight data recorders, which
627 provide a performance record should the prints fail, abruptly.
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629 Bioink development and optimization of printing parameters [83] is an iterative process and does not need to
630 adhere to the same GMP standards as the final tissue printing process. An ideal bioink should possess scalable
631 features relating to hydrogel design, printability, and biological outcomes. Hydrogel design should exhibit a cell
632 friendly gelation behavior, cytocompatibility and a homogenous distribution of components. Printability
633 generally includes rheological requirements and shape fidelity but is further constrained by the specific printer
634 platform. For example, extrusion bioprinting assesses bioinks for extrudability and filament formation where
635 lithographic printing would assess for photo curing and light penetration depths. Finally, a bioink needs to
636 ensure proper cell viability, proliferation, and differentiation. Rheological requirements (e.g. viscosity, shear
637 thinning, yield stress, elastic recovery) describe deformation and flow behaviors of materials under applied
638 forces [84]. These physicochemical parameters have the largest influence on hydrogel printability. While, shape
639 fidelity refers to shape retention ranging from single filaments to geometric properties in planar and
640 multilayered constructs.
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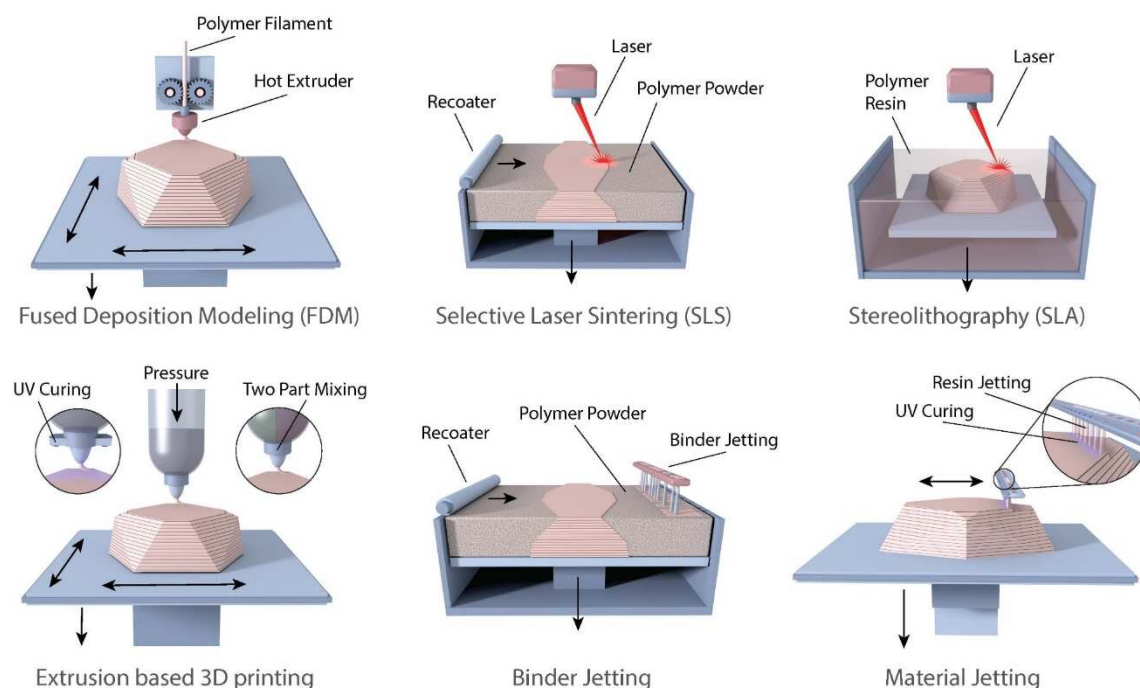
642 As it has been established throughout literature [36][77], there is no such thing as a universal bioink. This makes
643 bioink requirements dependent on printer technology, application and tissue, which forces ongoing development
644 of novel bioinks. The bioprinting process complicates bioink development, since these activities often have
645 different (and opposite) material requirements during the printing process compared to the final printed
646 construct. Embedding cells into bioinks further complicates bioink properties by disrupting cross-linking
647 efficiency and changing viscoelasticity [85]. Apart from the difficult bioink development process, the translation
648 of bioprinted products is currently also limited by poor reproducibility of printing processes as well as limited
649 bioink availability. Many laboratories are introducing novel quantitative tests, qualitative tests, and predictive
650 models for mainly extrusion-and lithography-based bioprinting [86]. These issues have been extensively
651 covered by Schwab et al. and laboratories would benefit from measuring the parameters listed in their review to
652 evaluate bioink printability and create more consistent protocols. Laboratories should implement standardized
653 testing protocols to characterize rheological and morphological properties in bioinks both with and without cell
654 inclusion [87]. Laboratories can also review ASTM/ISO guidelines for tensile measurements for bioinks, which
655 can help yield more consistent results.
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657 Laboratories can install an open source platform that automates the manufacturing of bioinks thus improving
658 their reproducibility and throughput [88]. The open source workstation enables automated pipetting of materials
659 with validation and verification by absorbance measurements. This platform is modular and can easily be
660 customized to adapt to laboratory needs or changing research requirements. Laboratories should consider
661 installing this platform to convert their operation to high-throughput production. It is also highly recommended
662 to have a second bioprinter installed with the exact same configuration as the printer intended for tissue
663 manufacturing. The purpose of the secondary printer is to optimize printing parameters via benchmark models
664 and test novel bioinks for their printability. Although many ink properties related to printability and shape
665 fidelity can be determined using rheological analysis [45][89], others, such as the extent of die swell or time
666 dependent changes during the printing process, are best assessed by directly performing the printing procedure.
667 By using two bioprinters, it is assured that all the optimization and development happens on one printer while
668 the second printer in the GMP environment is limited to the use of optimized ink and processes. The use of the
669 second printer is therefore minimized, and with it, the risk of contamination or potential equipment failure.
670 Machine intelligence has been used to find relationships between rheological data and predict printability
671 outcomes for extrusion-based printers [90]. Developers used these tools to improve bioink design and these
672 techniques could be advanced to minimize trial and error testing for bioink development.
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674 One of the important aspects to consider when installing a bioprinter in a manufacturing line is that the
675 bioprinter is installed within a BSC so that the printing of the tissue constructs can be performed under sterile
676 conditions. Ideally, the room containing the bioprinter is within the BSL2 containment but in another location as
677 to separate cell production from tissue bioprinting. Bioprinter parts which are in contact with the cells and the
678 bioink need to be sterilizable or come as sterilized one-time use products. Different suppliers of bioprinters
679 pursue different approaches to the sterilization problem. Some printers are comprised predominantly from 316L
680 medical grade stainless steel which can be sterilized in an autoclave. Other parts, usually tips or cartridges for
681 extrusion bioprinting, are inexpensive and commonly intended for single use. If sterilization of the printer is
682 performed via UV-sterilization within a BSC cabinet, attention needs to be paid to which of the surfaces are
683 actually exposed to the UV radiation and which ones are not. If a pressure dispensing system is utilized for the
684 printing, medical grade sterile air filters need to be put in place to ensure that the pressurized air is sterile.

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Many commercially available printers come with an optional camera. These cameras can be utilized for quality control purposes to monitor ongoing print processes and document the final product. Such setups can also be used to ensure reproducibility over extended periods of time. This is specifically relevant for bioprinted constructs that are not patient-specific, such as devices utilized for *in vitro* testing. Quality assessment for patient specific bioprinted constructs on the other hand is more difficult to perform as each printed construct is unique. This would require constant monitoring of the print using a camera to assess the fidelity of each printed layer and how it compares to its CAD equivalent. Currently there are no commercial printers offering such setups, although multiple bioprinting companies are seeking to integrate these features with future printers [91, 92]. In addition to bioprinters whose end goal is to print sterile constructs containing living cells, most 3D-P laboratories would benefit from the inclusion of other variations of 3D-P which may be used for creating anatomical models, non-implantable scaffolds for research purposes and drug screening, and have the ability to print lab consumables and spare parts for laboratory equipment. These technologies have been extensively reviewed [93] and are summarised in Figure 1, typically bioprinting would fall under the classification of an extrusion-based 3D-P approach.



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Figure 1. Illustrations of some common polymer 3D-P techniques which fabricate an object in a layer-by-layer manner. Top left: Fused deposition modeling (FDM); A molten polymer is extruded through a nozzle and onto a print-bed in order in a controllable manner to produce a series of stacked 2D patterns which make up the final 3D object. Top center: Selective laser sintering (SLS); A fine layer of polymer powder is coated onto the print area and a laser is used to sinter or melt the powder onto the layers below. After sintering/melting each layer, another layer is coated on top and the process repeated to build up a 3D object. Direct metal laser melting is a similar process that fuses layers of metal powder instead of polymers to produce 3D printed metallic objects. Top right: Stereolithography (SLA); A laser or projector selectively polymerizes a layer of liquid resin into the desired pattern. The laser/projector is either located above a vat of liquid resin in which case the polymerized layer is lowered into the vat or located below the vat where the completed layer is raised, resulting in the polymerizing of multiple layers to build up an object. Lower left: Extrusion 3D-P; Similar to FDM, a 3D object is produced layer-by-layer by selectively extruding the material from a nozzle using either pneumatic or mechanical means. The extruded material can be polymerized in various ways such as two-part polymerization or photopolymerization. Lower center: Binder Jetting; Similar to SLS, binder jetting binds layers of powdered polymer through selective extrusion of a liquid binder material (adhesive). After each layer is bound, another fine layer of powder is coated on top and the process repeats. Color additives can be included into the binder liquid to enable color full-color 3D-P. Lower right: Material jetting; Liquid resin is selectively extruded onto the top layer of the print area and then photopolymerized. The polymerized object is lowered and the process repeated layer-by-layer. Advanced implementations of this method involve multi-nozzle extruders capable of selectively depositing several different polymers prior to photopolymerization to enable differential control of the final material properties throughout the 3D printed object. "Reproduced with permission" statement need to go here after permission has been obtained for use of this figure from the publisher – Advanced Materials via the Copyright Clearance Centre) [94].

722 8.7 Bioprinting Monitoring Systems

723 Translating bioprinted products to the clinical setting requires careful control of printing parameters and cell
724 viability. A major focus in bioprinting is establishing the printability of a bioink and the final mechanical
725 properties of the printed constructs [95]. However, emphasis has shifted towards upscaling, repeatability and
726 print fidelity, as printed constructs will need to be verified if they are to reach the clinic and be implanted into
727 the patient. This requires adequate validation in the form of production batches to prove consistency of
728 manufacturing process for the final product. Multiple batches will also be required to ensure product stability
729 during specific storage and shipping conditions [96]. Additionally, printing processes will need to be recorded
730 and optimized, and the results from the prints will need to be monitored. While verification and validation
731 processes are common in the medical device industry and 3D-P, the growth of 3D bioprinting is making these
732 processes more challenging as each single printed construct is unique to the patient. Online monitoring and
733 recording during the printing process of each bioprinted construct would offer a potential solution to this issue.
734 For example, Kang et al. used quantitative image analysis to determine print accuracy for selected geometries in
735 3D printed constructs [97]. Apart from the geometrical fidelity between the CAD design and the final printed
736 construct, monitoring systems also need to be put in place to evaluate the conservation of the cells' phenotype
737 and their viability after the printing process to ensure the safety of the printed construct. It has been shown in the
738 past that these cell parameters can be affected during the printing process [98-101] and long-term monitoring
739 might be required during the cell and tissue maturation process in the bioreactor to ensure the cells in the printed
740 construct fulfill their intended role. This could include the analysis of soluble factors within the culture media
741 produced by the maturing tissues or microscopical and spectroscopical analysis with label free methods such as
742 second harmonic generation or FT-IR. Non-destructive machine learning approaches have been developed to
743 automate cell profiling within 3-D scaffold architectures [102]. Moreover, emerging spectroscopy using
744 artificial intelligence is an acceptable method for automated quality monitoring of stem cells and engineered
745 tissue products [103,104]. Another non-destructive characterization method is the use of quantitative ultrasound
746 to monitor cell growth and tissue formation [105]. Implementing these monitoring systems can reduce
747 processing times and ensure product standardization.

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749 Machine intelligence has been applied to bioprinters in several studies to optimize process parameters including
750 gas pressure as it relates to droplet number, size and position [106,107]; nozzle distance, voltage, and stage
751 moving speed associated with cone modes [108,109]; fine-tune drop on demand printing [110]; and spheroid-
752 based bioprinting [111]. Machine intelligence has yielded enhanced printing resolution by optimizing printing
753 parameters based on shape fidelity features (e.g. layer adhesion, layer fusion, and pore infill stemming from
754 construct collapse) [112]. These platforms require high-speed cameras, an LED light source, and computer
755 processing. Biomanufacturing laboratories should automate process control systems as they become
756 commercially available. Newer bioprinter models will begin incorporating real-time process monitoring and
757 parameter adjustment into an all-in-one system for convenience [91,92]. Image analysis should be performed
758 using images generated from microscopic evaluation. Commercial (e.g. Amira, Imaris, and Volocity) and open-
759 source (ImageJ, Cell Profiler, Icy, V3D) software are commonly utilized for microscopic image processing and
760 analysis to quantify cellular proliferation or profile cells [113]. Bioprinter accuracy can be calculated from light
761 microscope images by measuring the dimensions (in pixels) of structures using ImageJ. In the future, these
762 processes can be automated in real-time using high-resolution optical and laser technologies to capture features
763 linked to discontinuities or defects [114-117]. Optical coherence tomography (OCT) is a readily available
764 technology that can accommodate quantitative testing for morphological features such as filament size, surface
765 area, pore size, porosity, and pore volume. OCT is one of the earliest proposed techniques for real-time
766 monitoring [118,119]. Algorithms are already in development that adjust the printing process with OCT analysis
767 [110]. Deep learning OCT image processing is developing in the field of ophthalmology that laboratories can
768 model their algorithms for bioprinting applications [120,121]. Laboratories should be prepared to update their
769 hardware and integrate their bioprinters with intelligent systems to minimize operator error, accelerate print
770 times, and ensure accurate prints [111].

771 772 **8.8 Post processing**

773 Post processing is an important step for biofabrication and varies with fabrication methods and tissues
774 laboratories develop. Laboratories should be aware of these requirements and procedures. For instance,
775 lithography-based bioprinting may require more light exposure for curing. The post-bioprinting stage also
776 includes conditioning constructs with nutrients and metabolites to promote tissue maturation. Failure to do this
777 is a major reason for construct failure. Many laboratories use bioreactors (spinner flask, hydrostatic, flow
778 perfusion, strain, compression) to create the proper conditions to support tissue constructs. Bioreactors are tissue
779 and application specific, however, all bioreactors serve the purpose of providing the immature tissue with the
780 right mechanical and biochemical cues to develop into the final tissue engineering product. The size and the
781 complexity of such bioreactors can vary from small benchtop devices to larger instruments used to mature
782 multiple tissue engineering constructs at the same time. Therefore, the special requirements of the bioreactor

783 will highly depend on the type of tissue the bioprinting facility is focused on. Another important factor that all
784 bioreactors share is that they need to be easily assembled and sterilizable to be considered suitable for a 3D
785 bioprinting facility. An automated system, which is able to exchange the cell culture media, would limit the
786 manual manipulations required during tissue maturation and may contribute to a higher reproducibility.
787 Therefore, such systems should be taken into consideration independent of the type of bioreactor and might be
788 advantageous during cell production as well. Construct shrinking or swelling can occur in postprinting
789 processing and laboratories should account for this when designing their bioinks and when performing
790 postprocessing procedures. Laboratories can consult other articles focusing more on this topic [122].

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792 **9. Multitechnology Bioprinting**

793 Multi technology bioprinting is able to blend complementary fabrication technologies into a single platform for
794 delivering high-throughput functional tissue constructs as described by Castilho et al. who have detailed the
795 latest examples of multitechnology biofabrication [123]. Future bioprinters will combine multiple printing
796 techniques described in Figure 1 to fabricate constructs with enhanced cell distribution, more accurate
797 biomimetic microstructures, and improved biomechanical functionality without compromising cell viability
798 [124-126]. Next generation bioprinter systems will also co-opt complementary fabrication technologies (e.g.
799 computational modelling, machine intelligence, and smart manufacturing) for real-time process monitoring and
800 manufacturing tissue structures with enhanced functionality. To actualize previously mentioned semi-
801 autonomous monitoring systems and tissue construct complexity, laboratories should consider the following
802 section into their laboratory plans.

803 **9.1 Mathematical Modelling in Tissue Engineering and Biomanufacturing**

804 While monitoring is a requirement to verify parameters such as printing fidelity, and printing parameter optimization,
805 achieving this fidelity is still performed in a reductionist iterative manner. To minimize operational costs, material waste and
806 experimentation, advanced manufacturing facilities are moving towards design of multiscale, multiphysics modelling.
807 Computational modelling has been used to predict component interactions, optimal filament dimensions, hydrogel
808 properties, cell viability, along with printing parameters for AM processes [127-129]. For example, the power law and
809 Herschel-Bulkley model are reliable tools for predicting bioink printability for initial screenings [89,130]. Such models
810 could eliminate wasteful and costly trial and error activities that plague bioink development. Digital design is a process that
811 generates 3D models using computer software and simulates their biomechanical performance. It encompasses numerous
812 parameters, including multiscale architecture, hydrogel composition, and biomaterial interactions. At the molecular level,
813 computational modelling plays an important role in understanding positive feedback-based switches determining cell fate.
814 As an example, engineers have used toggle switch models to control transcription factor expression in mammalian cells
815 [131]. At the cellular level, cellular automaton models have also been valuable in the computational analysis of stem cell
816 variations in differentiation for different subpopulations in cell cultures [131]. Tissue-based models (e.g. reaction-diffusion,
817 proliferative, and activator-inhibitor models) have also been useful in predicting tissue growth rates, cell numbers, and
818 complex pattern formation [133-135]. Many simulation programs exist (COMSOL, MATLAB, Simul8, ANSYS, Abaqus,
819 Mathematica etc.) to optimize these parameters, and each facility should select the program based on their preferences,
820 printing setup, and the intended property to simulate [136]. Facility managers should ensure their computer system
821 requirements correspond with their intended simulation software. Researchers have used this approach to isolate parameters
822 impacting printability [137,138]. For example, one study generated viscoelastic rheology and surface tension models using
823 IPS UBOFlow to simulate bioink deposition and material shape [138]. Another study utilized Abaqus for mechanical
824 simulations and ANSYS for permeability simulations to optimize scaffold topology [137]. Eventually, biomanufacturing
825 tissue engineered products will require complex process simulation modelling key inputs (materials, operating parameters,
826 equipment, labor resources) with expected outputs (material properties, energy balances, cycle times, process scheduling,
827 throughput analysis etc.) to standardize production. This will allow manufacturing plants to promote lean solutions focused
828 on computational efficiency, streamlining production, eliminating waste, cycle time optimization, production scheduling,
829 and reducing potential bottlenecks [139-141].

830 Another class of mathematical modelling that is trending now is predictive modelling, which forms the basis of machine
831 learning and deep learning programs. Predictive modelling is the process of forecasting outcomes by uncovering
832 relationships between data using powerful computers and model building software tools and platforms such as (JMP,
833 WEKA, R, CRAN, Keras, Scikit-learn, Apache Spark, Google AI (Artificial Intelligence), IBM Watson, AWS, etc.). This
834 forms the basis for the automated cell monitoring and bioprinting monitoring systems in previous sections. To effectively
835 execute predictive modelling, data must be collected then undergo quality assessment (curation) to avoid detrimental data
836 manipulation in later stages. Data quality assessments demand formalized systems of annotation (feature categorization),
837 deduplication (similarity detection), data imputation methods, and outlier detection [142-145]. Data discretization methods
838 can further reduce recording errors [146]. Laboratories can select from a range of supervised (regression analysis, Bayesian
839 models, decision trees, neural networks, SVMs) [147-151] and unsupervised algorithms (e.g. K-means, hierarchical
840 clustering, spectral clustering, and etc.) [152-154]. After constructing predictive models, they must undergo training and then
841 performance evaluation to validate their outputs. A variety of cross-validation methods exist including leave-one-out [155],
842 leave-P-out [156], k-fold [157], stratified k-fold [158], and repeated k-fold [159]. Predictive modelling has been instrumental
843 in many areas affecting tissue engineering including biomaterial design, gene-editing, predicting cellular responses to
844 biomaterial surfaces, designing scaffold properties, optimizing process parameters, automating phenotypic screening, and

845 predicting bioprinted construct performance [160,161]. Laboratories should look to integrate computational and predictive
846 modelling to streamline the tissue fabrications bioprocesses.

847 **9.2 Data Ecosystem and Cloud Manufacturing**

848 Advanced manufacturing is beginning to develop big data ecosystems to create new applications related to
849 product development, production, and business activities [162]. Specifically, the emergence of cloud computing,
850 data science, and artificial intelligence has made it possible to integrate manufacturing knowledge with big data
851 for automating quality control processes, decision making systems, predictive modelling, supply chain
852 management, job scheduling, storage and retrieval systems, and sustainability [163,164]. This marriage between
853 advanced manufacturing and information technologies is known within industry as smart manufacturing.
854 Massive data will be generated during biofabrication which may include—patient records, manufacturing
855 reports, pheno-genomic data, scaffold designs, medical imaging, microscopic imaging, process parameters,
856 sensors, etc [165,166]. These data can eventually be leveraged as training data to develop deep neural networks
857 for automating and monitoring manufacturing processes. Biomanufacturing tissue products effectively requires
858 Internet of Things (IoT) for manufacturing, which integrates sensors, cameras, and machines (“things”) into
859 cloud data centers. IoT supports bidirectional communication among plant machines resulting in real-time
860 delivery of high-value information during manufacturing. Monitoring and predicting key performance indicators
861 (KPIs) can be performed automatically and in real-time using cloud computing for assessing production
862 processes, identifying opportunities for improvement, and sending alerts. Smart inventory also allows materials
863 and products to be tagged and tracked for easy localization and inventory management. Previously mentioned
864 quality monitoring systems can be managed by cloud computing services to minimize labor costs. Nanosensors
865 and biosensors are emerging for real-time and non-invasive inline monitoring of stem cell-based products [167-
866 169]. Paired with the advances in bioreactors and future bioprinters, this technology can provide feedback
867 controls for controlling important environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, CO₂ and O₂, pH, humidity) during
868 stem cell expansion, printing and tissue maturation phases [170]. As an example, research groups are working
869 on automated setups that provide label-free and real-time monitoring of metabolic parameters such as pH and
870 oxygen levels within 3-D bioprinted constructs [171]. Laboratories should look to integrate these sensors into
871 IoT to create more robust quality systems.

872 With the advent of sensors and cloud computing, robotic cloud laboratories are beginning to emerge in the
873 pharmaceutical industry and offer greater experimental control and process execution for smart manufacturing
874 [172]. This is achieved using robotic workcells, which automate lab instrumentation (pipetting robots, reagent
875 dispensers, PCR applications, etc.) and lab infrastructure (custom-modified freezers, refrigerators, incubator
876 units) and integrate them using software and automated storage and retrieval containers for streamlining and
877 scaling protocols [172]. Robotic cloud labs can be controlled remotely and minimize the variables contributing
878 to poor reproducibility rates such as mismanaged reagents and materials, contaminations, and poorly defined
879 protocols [164]. In addition, digitally connected plant units simplify facility management by notifying of device
880 deviations from prescribed parameters, and plant unit variations (e.g. temperatures, vibrations) [173]. Real time
881 analysis can be performed on data collected from storage environments, samples, and instruments using sensors
882 [171]. IoT sensors can also track and categorize bioprinted products awaiting delivery according to duration-of-
883 stay policy [173,174]. Production flow monitoring and inventory management eliminate unnecessary work and
884 reduce production variability by helping managers oversee the work in progress, available materials, and
885 estimated time of arrival for incoming materials [175]. Installing a robotic cloud laboratory is recommended for
886 commercial biofabrication centers looking to make productivity gains. Safety can also be improved using low-
887 cost sensors (e.g. gas, radiation) to measure exposure within the facility, alert workers to hazardous materials
888 and reinforce safety compliance among personnel [176]. Lastly, asset tracking is crucial in the healthcare
889 environment, because it ensures the right product gets to the right patient. Many health systems employ Radio-
890 Frequency Identification (RFID) tags to identify, record, and monitor the movement of products through their
891 manufacturing lifecycle. RFID labelled objects can be localized by deploying battery-powered beacons
892 systematically throughout the facility for room-level discernment. Active RFID tags and QR codes can be
893 printed by handheld printers to label incoming shipments and/or packaged therapies for verifying their location
894 and that they reach the correct destination. Integrating employee smart phones into the cloud servers provides
895 advanced solutions for localizing objects and broadcasting alerts to users. These capabilities are enhanced by
896 improving localization algorithms and system accuracy should be tested with LIDAR. Additionally, RFID tags
897 can also be IoT-enabled and monitored within the cloud server for their positions and environmental conditions
898 as well. Administrators can search the cloud web interface for asset information, position, and manufacturing
899 lifecycle. Laboratories can presently install cloud enabled, asset localization packages with the aforementioned
900 features [177].

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902 To realize the potential of smart manufacturing, a cyber-physical system (CPS) architecture will need to be
903 developed that assimilates the physical laboratory components (e.g. bioprinters, robots, sensors, computers, and

904 interconnecting devices) with the software components (e.g. machine learning algorithms). This process can be
905 performed via four enabling technologies: Data, Analytics, Platform, and Operations technologies [178]. Data
906 Technologies (DT) allows IoT devices and manufacturing devices to interact, resultant data to be transferred
907 from the factory floor to the cloud, and bilateral communication between cyberspace and the physical-space.
908 IoT devices require basic internet infrastructure (Wi-Fi, 3G/4G/5G, National Broadband Network) and typically
909 possess plug-and-play functionality. The devices capture data and communicate via cloud services. Platform
910 Technologies (PT) consist of the hardware and software architecture that enables big data analytics (collection,
911 storage, analysis, and visualization) and its delivery for enterprise applications [178]. Biofabrication laboratories
912 can choose stand-alone, cloud, and/or edge configurations for their platform. Stand-alone databases include
913 RDBMS [179], No Structured Query Language (NoSQL) [180], and NewSQL [181]. These categories refer to
914 the programming languages and models utilized to communicate with the database. Cloud computing services
915 are now hosted by large companies such as Amazon, IBM, Apple, Google, Microsoft, Alibaba, and Facebook
916 for commercial data storage. Cloud data centers have an advantage over stand-alone configurations since they
917 provide essentially unlimited computing power without significant investment in computational processing and
918 storage infrastructure [182]. This greatly reduces expenditures on maintenance and hardware for in-house
919 information technology infrastructure. Laboratories should consider combining their cloud services with edge
920 data centers for more efficient data processing and laboratory control. Edge data centers provide increased
921 processing and storage capacity locally without processing from the centralized cloud data center. This
922 minimizes communication delays and unnecessary data transfers, while maintaining access to the remote cloud
923 data center for more complex analysis. Data managers will need to consider their bandwidth and energy
924 efficiency when uploading to remote cloud data centers. This can be achieved by taking advantage of cloud
925 services at the edge (smart gateways) and network function virtualization solutions [183].

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927 Analytic Technologies (AT) implement the techniques described in the previous section to process data using
928 models that improve operations [184]. Computation and data-driven modeling generate analysis results which
929 can be visualized and used to produce user-friendly visualizations reports for prognosing and diagnosing minute
930 variabilities during production. Operations Technology can then recognize the process variabilities and correct
931 them by enabling machine-to-machine communication and collaboration. Analytics is the process of extracting
932 information from data. This process employs two separate methods—1) data mining and machine learning
933 algorithms and 2) On-Line Analytic Processing. Operations Technology recognizes these process variabilities
934 and corrects them by enabling machine-to-machine communication and collaboration. Selecting the appropriate
935 computation framework for optimal processing speeds is crucial for analytica technologies. These options can
936 include Hadoop, Spark, Flink, and Storm on High-Performance Computing systems for batching, micro-
937 batching, and streaming varying volumes of data. Commercial cloud data centers provide these computational
938 frameworks on their platforms. Operations technology (OT) is the final step for cloud manufacturing and
939 requires AI algorithms to implement [178]. Enabling technologies (DT, PT, AT, OT) form the architectural
940 foundation for the Industrial AI System (see GE Predix, Siemens MindSphere, IndustrialAi). Resources are
941 available for laboratories wanting to scale to an Industrial AI system. The Center for Intelligent Maintenance
942 Systems (IMS) is a resource for many members developing Industrial AI and Big Data Analytics. IMS has
943 developed a collection of intelligent software tools (Watchdog Agent®) that can monitor equipment for
944 performance, diagnose faults, and predict and prevent failures. LabVIEW by National Instruments is a system-
945 design platform and developmental environment that many manufacturers use to automate hardware, testing,
946 measurement, and control systems. The VI Package Manager by JKI allows developers to download and
947 manage LabVIEW Add-ons. Building a CPS Platform for smart manufacturing will require programmers and
948 application designers to generate an architecture for specific manufacturing needs. Simulation is an important
949 aspect for architecture design because it integrates hardware more effectively for particular applications, models
950 data and control flow, enables capacity planning, reviews energy requirements, and evaluates performance
951 metrics. Popular simulation programs have been reviewed in previous studies [185]. Biofabrication technology
952 is still in its infancy and biological products, bioprinting equipment, robotics, and sensors need to mature before
953 cloud manufacturing can be considered. That being said, this highlights a need for developments and
954 laboratories should design their biofabrication spaces with these developments in mind.

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956 An obvious downside to using cloud data centers is encountering privacy and confidentiality conflicts when
957 uploading sensitive healthcare data. Administrators will need to maintain compliance with regulations (e.g.
958 GDPR, HIPAA, etc.) prior to uploading any biomedical data to the cloud. A workaround to this problem is to
959 make use of unique identifiers to protect patient identities and sensitive information, thus enabling the
960 laboratory to take full advantage of the advances in data analytic tools. Cloud computing service providers are
961 also willing to form HIPAA business associated agreements (BAA) to share exposure risk with medical
962 facilities. As a general rule, the minimum necessary should be uploaded to the cloud (e.g. data minimization
963 rule), and uploading derivative data is preferred over source data [186]. Another option is for laboratories to

964 install their own private server and create their own analysis workflows using platforms that operate
965 independent to public cloud services [187]. Laboratories would lose the advantages of cloud service capabilities,
966 but lower liability concerns by uploading biomedical data to private servers.

967 **9.3 Data Protection, Cloud Security, and IoT Regulations**

968 Biofabrication laboratories in hospital or medical technology company settings will work with large volumes of
969 personal data. Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [188] and Article 8 of the European
970 Convention on Human Rights [189] provide the foundation for the regulatory systems found in Europe and
971 USA. Figure 2 provides an overview of data regulations adopted in other countries. Hospitals and large
972 healthcare systems should aim to establish a robust data governance framework to effectively process data for
973 cloud manufacturing. A data governance framework consists of sequential operations that correspond to a
974 particular phase of data processing. These phases include data protection, risk management, sharing, quality
975 control, and analytics (Medical Data, Sharing, and Harmonization). At the protection stage—data must be de-
976 identified followed by standardized audit trails. Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the
977 Council requires the assignment of strict roles such as data subject, recipient, controller, processor, and the data
978 protection officer [190]. The data controller conducts risk management and establishes security levels to protect
979 sensitive data from breaches. Data processors oversee data controllers and determine the appropriate level of
980 access for processing personal data. Both data controllers and processors develop codes of conduct governing
981 data collection, sharing, and processing [190-192]. Lastly, Data protection officers (DPO) are legal personnel
982 with expertise in data protection laws and policies. DPO are responsible for monitoring compliance according to
983 government regulations [191]. In the United States, The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
984 (HIPAA) is the legislative regulation providing national standards for protecting healthcare electronic medical
985 records and transactions for healthcare providers. Healthcare settings should have internal systems already in
986 place to be compliant with HIPAA standards. These internal systems and procedures will likely need to adapt
987 these frameworks to encompass data sharing, QC, and data analysis functions.

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990 Cloud consumers should be informed and versed in their national cloud security guidelines. This ensures
991 laboratories remain compliant with government standards when selecting security objectives, security controls
992 and performing security assessments with providers. Specific to cloud computing regulations, several entities
993 outline best practices for data security. Figure 2 lists the guidelines for cloud providers to tailor their services for
994 laboratory operations (e.g. CSA, IEEE-SA, ENISA, NIST, ISM etc.) [193-197]. Cloud Security Alliance (CSA)
995 outlines cloud provider responsibilities and the relationship between the providers and end users. The CSA has
996 legal entities in Asia Pacific, Europe, and USA and is seen as a world leader in cloud security regulations. Cloud
997 computing possesses a layered architecture made up by a hardware/IaaS layer (e.g. CPU, RAM, etc.), back-
998 end/PaaS layer providing the development environment for creating the applications and services, and front-
999 end/SaaS layer – the cloud-based applications and services [198-207]. CSA defines the security measures for
1000 each layer. For example, CSA recommends Software Defined Networking (SDN) within the IaaS layer as
1001 opposed to Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs). SDN provides security isolation and supports multiple users
1002 (or tenants) using the same IP address via physical network segregation [208], whereas VLANs are more widely
1003 used for single-tenant networks [193]. CSA advises two conventional methods for storage security, specifically,
1004 Network-Attached Storage and Storage Area Network to encrypt storage units and prevent exposure [209].
1005 Vulnerability testing will need to be performed, routinely. Static Application Security Testing (SAST) and
1006 Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST) should be used in combination. DAST checks for web
1007 vulnerabilities for API executions, while SAST scans for API calls and credentials to prevent system damage.
1008 Cloud Access and Security Blockers, IP filtering, and Data Loss Prevention are all viable options for
1009 continuously monitoring cloud API connections [210,211]. These cloud-based security brokers monitor user
1010 activities to enforce security policies, prevent malware, and alarm administrators of dangerous actions.
1011 Multifactor authentication is the preferred form of user authentication for all layers within the cloud [212].
1012 Cloud service providers should perform these security procedures as part of their service.

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1014 With regard to IoT standards, there is not a single authoritative regulatory body that laboratories can refer to at
1015 this time. Industrial IoT generally refer to a variety of regulatory and standards groups contingent on the type of
1016 industry. Figure 2 provides an overview of the standards and regulations laboratories should consult before
1017 deploying cloud computing and IoT systems. Laboratories should also be aware of transformative technologies
1018 (e.g. blockchain, machine learning) on the horizon that may strengthen data protection strategies [213,214].
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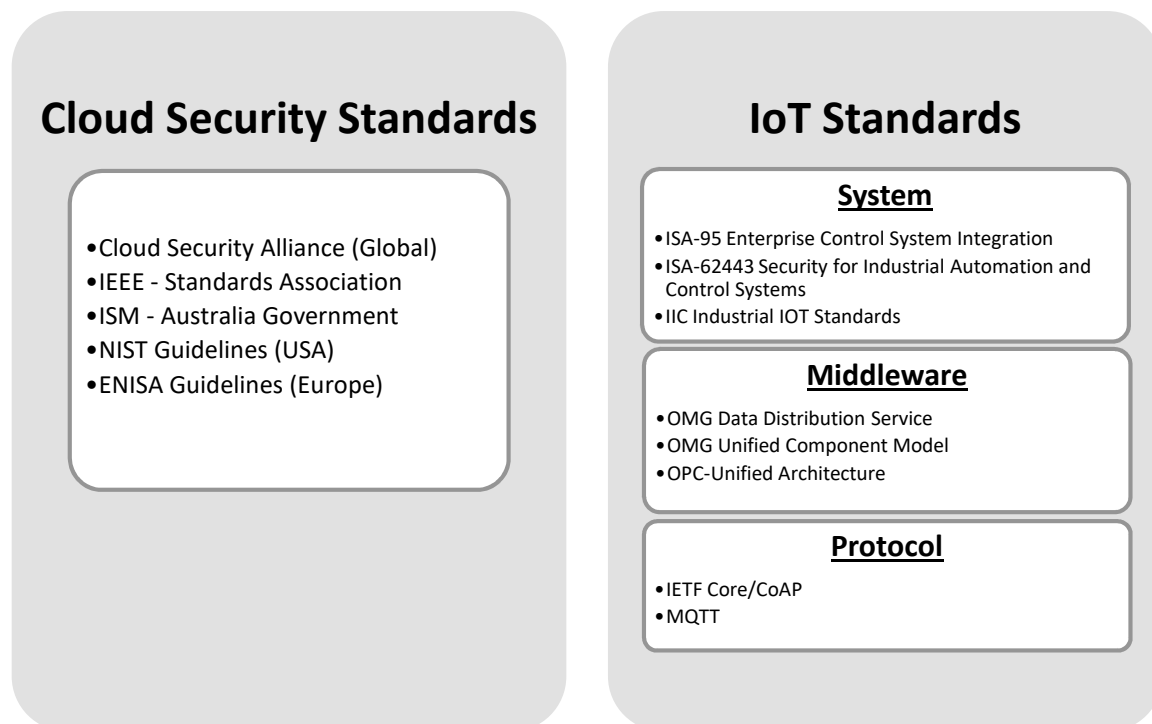


Figure 2. Industrial Security Standards: Left panel lists organizations providing cloud security guidelines. Right panel provides industrial security standards for IoT systems.

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9.4 IoT Security

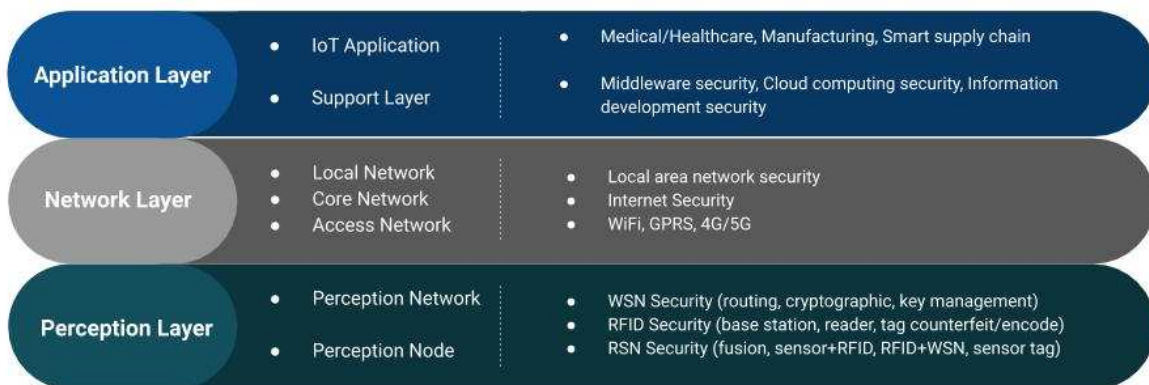
IoT platform security for local laboratories must focus on functionality (e.g. secure boots, key storage, cryptographic acceleration) and assurance (e.g. validating that functions work as intended). Laboratories will need to implement cybersecurity measures to protect IoT devices, intellectual property, networks, and the data acquired during manufacturing [215-217]. IoT can be divided into three distinct layers: application, network, and perception layers [218]. Security issues (see Figure 3) must be designed within the architecture of these layers. Securing IoT architectures must account for a large population of IoT devices, their ability to interact (communicate) with one another and with humans, and their relatively shorter life cycles (high turnover). These features make IoT systems more vulnerable to cyber-attacks [219,220]. Lab developers setting up IoT platforms should review resources that describe common threats encountered at each architectural layer and strategies to neutralize them [221-223]. Cryptography is a tool that shields data using a process of authentication, encryption and decryption. Cryptography algorithms and their keys (e.g. secret value) convert data into cipher text (encryption key) and the key-holder allows data to be converted back into plain text (decryption key). A message-authentication code (MAC) with an authentication key can be sent through the internet to prove that senders and recipients are legitimate and not impersonators. This allows data to be stored and transferred across legitimate senders/recipients (confidentiality), while keeping out intruders (integrity). Commercial laboratories should consider the cost of cryptography when deploying IoT systems for cloud manufacturing. Cryptography contributes to the overhead in the areas of memory, storage, computation, and network bandwidth. Cryptosystems have different trade-offs associated with them including diverging memory size, code size, storage size, and the ability to scale (increase the number of interacting nodes) [224]. Cryptosystems also have varying financial footprints with symmetric-key (secret-key) being the least, asymmetric key (public-key) moderately so, and certificate-based asymmetric cryptography having the most weight. Selecting between secret- and public-key cryptosystems narrows preferred cryptographic algorithms laboratories will likely implement. Secret-key systems typically employ Caesar cipher, Block cipher, AES (advanced encryption standard), and DES (Data Encryption Standard) algorithms [225]. Whereas, public-key systems predominantly use elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) [226], Diffie-Hellman, and Rivest-Shamir-Adelman (RSA) algorithms [227]. Many IoT standards prefer ECC algorithms over RSA for their smaller key sizes. Quantum computers will pose a greater security threat for cryptosystems when they become more common [228]. However, it is too early to determine which quantum-safe algorithms will become industry favorites. Laboratories can be confident that symmetric cryptography is sufficient for IoT, with doubling key sizes being the most feasible deterrent to quantum computers [229]. Novel encryption and signature algorithms are currently being developed to prepare for a post-quantum world including: code-based encryption [229], lattice-based encryption [230], lattice-based signatures [231], multivariate-quadratic-equation signatures [232], hash-based signatures [233], isogeny-based cryptography [234], and Kuperberg's algorithm [235]. A major component in IoT system security for

1058 biofabrication laboratories will be the digital surveillance system (DSS). DSS will likely include the camera
 1059 systems mentioned in cell production (e.g. microscopy), biomanufacturing facilities (e.g. bioprinting cameras),
 1060 and storage unit cameras. These cameras are vulnerable to attacks and IoT security systems need to be
 1061 established [236-238]. Network architectures should separate video data from other traffic using a protected
 1062 VLAN. This does not encrypt the data, rather it creates a separate logical segment within the network for video
 1063 traffic. Tags can be applied to the camera devices so that they share the same cabling with the network
 1064 architecture. This would limit potential attackers to that device without exposing the entire data network.
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1066 IoT platforms must anticipate and accommodate IoT device key sizes, key infrastructures and cryptographic
 1067 algorithms. The Open Connectivity Foundation (OCF) (see <https://openconnectivity.org>) is providing industry
 1068 with IoT interoperability standards and architecture for connecting devices regardless of operating system,
 1069 manufacturer, or chipset. IoTivity (see <https://iotivity.org>) is an open source reference that laboratories can
 1070 access to design their IoT frameworks according to OCF standards.
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1072 System abstractions are logical representations of the set of physical devices comprising the IoT system. IoT
 1073 devices are physical equipment, while IoT nodes are their logical abstractions. The core framework layer
 1074 defines the abstraction model in the OCF architecture and contains built-in resources for security, permissions,
 1075 identity, data transmission, data management, and device management. The OCF security architecture oversees
 1076 three main features: encryption, access, and device lifecycle management. A variety of cryptographic algorithms
 1077 are supported on the OCF architecture including symmetric, asymmetric and certified asymmetric. Effective IoT
 1078 system management will entail device lifecycle management and requires rigorous inspection, configuration,
 1079 updating, and proper decommissioning. Decommissioning ensures sensitive data (e.g. keys and credentials) are
 1080 erased from the device. IoT system scalability can more easily be achieved by selecting flexible cryptosystems
 1081 and designing adaptable IoT frameworks (e.g. middleware layers supporting IoT applications). IoT architects
 1082 should document the principles, architecture, and connectivity choices when designing the IoT system to
 1083 simplify maintenance and updates. Laboratories can experiment with other IoT frameworks (e.g. Universal Plug
 1084 and Play, AllJoyn, Lightweight Machine 2 Machine, etc.) beyond OCF depending on their preferences.
 1085 Blockchain architecture is being developed and incorporated into Industrial IoT/CPS applications [239].
 1086 Blockchain provides advanced cryptography, decentralized data sharing, more efficient data storage, and built-
 1087 in cryptocurrency support [240]. Laboratories should be aware of these developments and the security issues
 1088 unique to blockchain architectures [241].
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1090 Lastly, computer system validation (CSV) consists of procedural hardware and software tests to confirm
 1091 consistent operation of AM systems. Smart manufacturing also requires regular network testing to verify its
 1092 stability under normal and high load. Printed products are directly related to the processing software of the
 1093 printer and the automated systems governing the manufacturing process [242]. ISPE GAMP 5 offers a set of
 1094 guidelines for meeting cGMP regulations in these areas. In general, electronic records are another concern, and
 1095 the FDA and Europe EudraLex provide rules and recommendations for proper management [243, 244]. The
 1096 electronic records and signatures are considered equivalent to paper records. Computer systems and networks
 1097 should be evaluated to ensure their accuracy, reliability, consistent performance, and their capability to
 1098 recognize invalid or altered records (21 CFR 11.10). Standardized procedures should be used when creating,
 1099 modifying, maintaining, or transmitting electronic records to certify their authenticity, integrity, and
 1100 confidentiality (21 CFR 11.30). Annex 11 requires IT infrastructure to be qualified and data should be protected
 1101 by physical and electronic means. Laboratories should validate these applications no matter they use their own
 1102 server infrastructure or outsourced cloud platforms.



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1104 *Figure 3. IoT Architecture of Security: IoT Application layer provides users with specific services along with their*
1105 *corresponding support layer for each application. The Network layer connects devices and divides into local, core, and*
1106 *access networks. The perception layer is the physical layer with their information sensors. Each layer identifies components*
1107 *making up the security architecture.*

1108 **9.5 – The Hospital of the Future**

1109 The types of Biofabrication technologies that will exist in the Hospital of the Future will be driven by the
1110 marriage of such diverse disciplines ranging from advanced medical scanning, virtual and augmented reality,
1111 machine learning and 3D scanning modelling and printing. This unique multidisciplinary dictates a special
1112 workforce skillset encompassing medical physicists, clinicians, materials engineers, big data experts, gamers,
1113 mechatronics and roboticists, biologists and health economics experts. This workforce must connect and
1114 communicate to push technology towards commercialisation, a critical gateway for Biofabrication technologies
1115 to see application in the clinic. The 3D-P Biofabrication laboratory is key to this vision and Universities are key
1116 players to upskill and train the next generation of Biofabrication technical staff and researchers. Alongside these
1117 facilities and workforces, the clinical teams should be well integrated to ensure that clinical problems can be
1118 well defined from the outset and commercialisation opportunities would ideally be supported within nearby
1119 spaces to take novel inventions from bench to bedside. The concept of having patient consultations with
1120 biofabrication active clinicians who are embedded within such a facility provides opportunity for rapid solutions
1121 using advanced imaging, modelling and printing and brings the technology ever closer to point of care
1122 manufacturing which is the holy grail of 3D printing in healthcare.

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1124 A Hospital of the Future vision might incorporate the following spaces for Biofabrication research to deliver
1125 bench to bedside solutions for patients suffering tissue loss (Figure 4) [245]. The critical space is of course the
1126 3-D printing and Biofabrication area which could span both floors including bioprinting to be located close to
1127 the cell biology and cell culture facility and generic 3D printing and associated workshops which are on the
1128 floor above, connected through a staircase. To ensure connectivity and creativity open and collaborative spaces
1129 for researchers, clinicians, students, industry partners and spin outs will be located in the central innovation hub.
1130 Co-lab spaces will house technology spin outs. 3D scanning using advanced medical imaging as well as optical
1131 scanning will be located closely to the patient interface zone where clinicians will have patient consultations and
1132 the patients are able to enter and leave the facility with a degree of discretion. The institute space should also be
1133 educational and support university students and high school students to undertake cutting-edge projects within
1134 the facility as well as being a hub for industry events and networking to enable partnering opportunities and
1135 exposure for early stage technology investment.

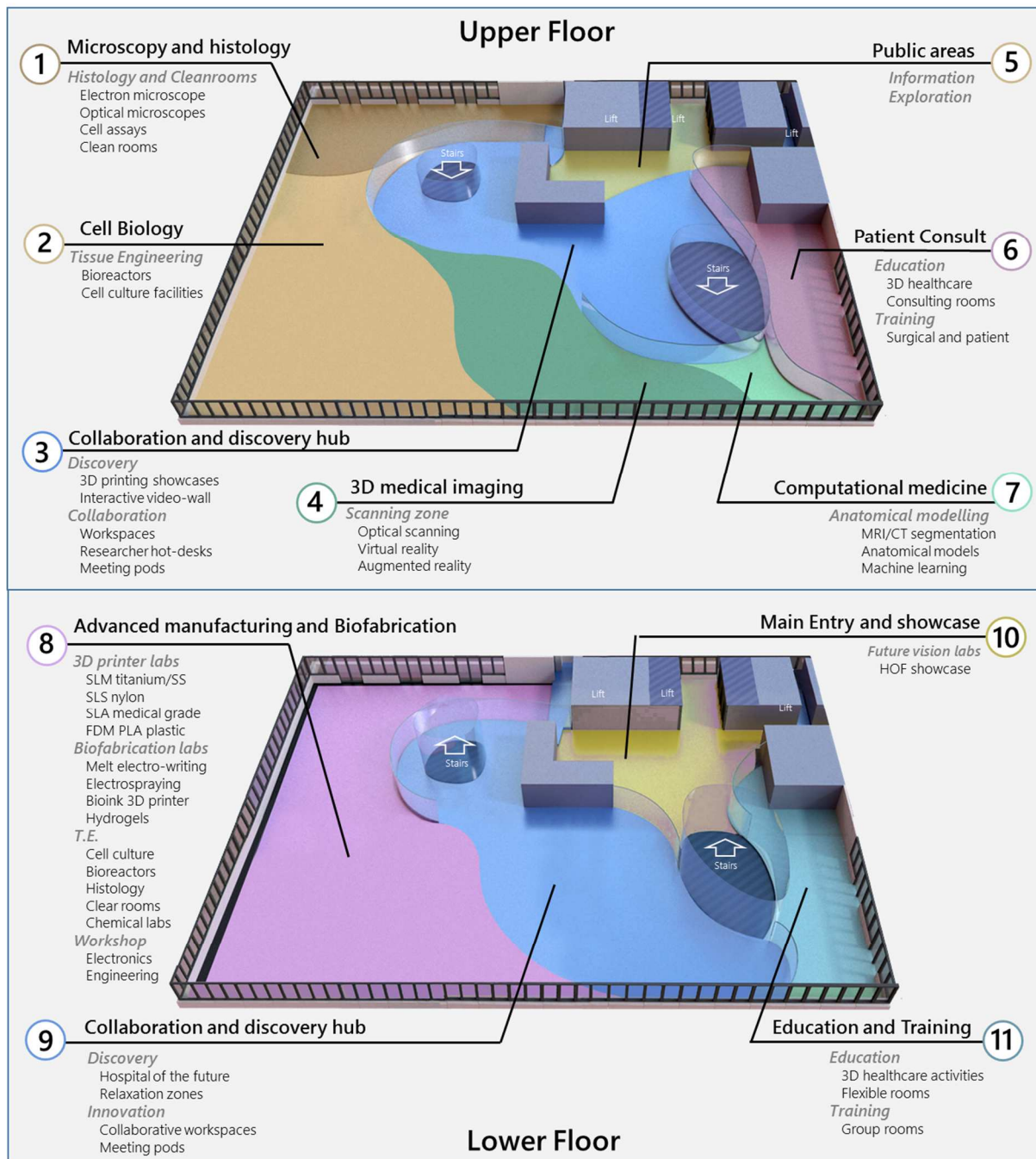


Figure 4. Floorplans of hypothetical biofabrication institute indicating the various zones.

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1138 10. Other Considerations

1139 Local jurisdictions will not only affect the building requirements the biofabrication facility has to fulfill, it will
 1140 also impact what sort of a regulatory framework the bioprinted product will have to comply with. Depending on
 1141 where the product is sold and utilized, classification of bioprinted products currently vary widely. The
 1142 regulatory bodies historically classify therapeutic products according to their use, which can be a medical device
 1143 (classic example would be a hip implant), a pharmaceutical compound (a drug) or biological medical device
 1144 (cell implant) [246]. Bioprinted constructs do not often fit into a single category and might be a medical device
 1145 (the material scaffold), a pharmaceutical compound (releasing a drug) and a biological medical device
 1146 (containing cells) at the same time. While in Australia the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) would treat
 1147 bioprinted products as a so called “borderline” or a “combination” treatment [247], in the US the FDA would
 1148 classify them as a “combination product” [248]. In the EU on the other hand, bioprinted products might fall into
 1149 one of several categories of so called “Advanced Therapeutic Manufactured Products” [249]. Operators of a
 1150 biofabrication facility and manufacturers of the bioprinted products are well advised to consider the ever-
 1151 changing regulatory landscape in the field of bioprinting and consult current guidelines relating to what

1152 classification their intended bioprinted products would fall into [250]. For a more in-detail analysis on how the
1153 regulatory frameworks would apply to the bioprinted products we refer the reader to dedicated reviews on the
1154 topic (246,251).

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1156 Amid all the regulatory, technical and logistical challenges a 3D biofabrication laboratory poses, with every new
1157 technology, ethical questions are also undoubtedly raised. These questions vary from the source of the cells used
1158 in the printing approach to what happens with the final printed product. While autologous cells from the
1159 patients' own body might not raise ethical questions [252], other cell sources such embryonic stem cells (ESCs)
1160 already do [253]. With the advent of human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSCs) [254,255], the ethical
1161 issues have seemingly been bypassed, but not without presenting the scientific community with a new set of
1162 ethical concerns such as abnormal reprogramming, tumorigenicity, human cloning or the production of human
1163 germ cells [256]. On the other end of the biofabrication production line, we need to have a discussion about how
1164 we could potentially use these newly bioprinted products. While full organ printing might be a long-term goal,
1165 an early agreement of what is an acceptable use for these products would be beneficial for acceptance of the
1166 technology; could they be simply used to replace a diseased organ, or could we use them to enhance humans
1167 such as athletes or soldiers, effectively creating super-human power? How often can we replace a diseased
1168 organ i.e. when does it become unethical to prolong a human life beyond its natural lifespan? While
1169 biofabrication is an exciting technology which has the potential to save human lives, researchers in the field are
1170 already faced with these challenging questions [257-259]. It is vital for the creators of a 3D biofabrication
1171 facility to pay close attention to public perception to ensure transparent and accurate science communication
1172 creates a safe and innovative space, rather than one shrouded with secrecy or hype. Importantly, it is critical to
1173 ensure robust data, peer review and ethical work standards are enforced for optimal clinical outcomes. None of
1174 this is driven by technology advances, it relies heavily on scientific expertise, culture, collaboration and creating
1175 the right teams who are united in the single vision, in their pursuit of Biofabrication excellence to always strive
1176 to improve patient quality of life.

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1178 Tissue engineering overlaps with many of the prominent ethical conversations today such as privacy concerns
1179 (big data) and medical ethics as it relates to healthcare access, and the ethics pertaining to electronic repairs. As
1180 mentioned in previous sections, precision medicine and biofabrication will require obtaining personal data from
1181 a patient to customize products for their condition. This data will include traditional forms of data collected in
1182 electronic medical records along with new forms such as genomic data and tissue samples. These data will be
1183 collected more readily and may be vulnerable to cyberattacks and unethical sharing. Big Tech and genomic
1184 firms have faced cyberattacks or committed such violations with user statistics collected from their platforms.
1185 The maturation of blockchain technology may supersede the current cloud-based epoch and reestablish a
1186 decentralized platform with privacy. Until then, tissue engineering organizations will have to navigate these
1187 ethical tensions. Data sharing may be an impactful source to innovating the field of tissue engineering. The EU
1188 BioSHARE Project developed an initiative known as the Framework for Responsible Sharing of Genomic and
1189 Health-Related Data [260-263]. This initiative provides foundational principles for ethically sharing sensitive
1190 data. Laboratories can look to this framework for guidance if no other alternative frameworks are available
1191 locally.

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1193 Similar to most new products, the cost of production depreciates over time as the company and industry
1194 matures. The cost of production affects the market price, and ultimately the consumers who can afford them. For
1195 example, the first car ever assembled was the steam-powered automobile in 1769 [264]. The first vehicle
1196 powered by an internal combustion engine was 1803. The first gasoline-powered production vehicle was created
1197 in 1885. Yet, the automobile did not become mass-produced until 1908 nearly 140 years after the first car. A
1198 similar pattern is observed with the history of computers [265]. Public health ethics is focused on positive rights
1199 [266], population health, disparities, inequalities [267], access [268], affordability [269] and has become the
1200 dominant paradigm amongst most OECD countries [270]. Countries may accept disparities for certain
1201 technologies, but it will be difficult for countries with public health systems to accept unequally distributed
1202 technologies that greatly enhance quality of life or increase life expectancy (e.g. nerve regeneration and motor
1203 function restoration, patient-specific organ transplants etc.). The field of tissue engineering will eventually enter
1204 the cultural conversation on whether regenerative medicine services are a universal right or privilege (service).
1205 New economic, business, legal, or ethical systems may have to be improvised until tissue engineered products
1206 can be mass produced.

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1208 Finally, the ethical concerns related to legislation governing the ability to repair and modify consumer electronic
1209 devices is beginning to influence the 3D-P industry. Electronic manufacturers with large market shares in an
1210 industry have a vested interest in protecting confidential trade secrets and other intellectual property [271].
1211 Many electronic manufacturers accomplish this by creating systems where repairs and repair parts can only be

1212 obtained from authorized vendors or the original manufacturers. Companies have been successful in lobbying
1213 governments to create legislation that prevent consumers from repairing or tinkering with devices [271]. The
1214 right to repair movement has grown out of these conditions and many large corporations have resisted.
1215 Companies in several industries have used these tactics to drive up repair services for consumers and or
1216 throttling the speed of their products to encourage product upgrades. 3D-P and other medical technology
1217 companies have developed similar institutional practices to regulate software experimentation (experimental
1218 licensing), mandating company technicians to repair printers, and manufacturing printers to be more modular
1219 thus requiring entire subsystems to be replaced rather than the single damaged part to be replaced. These
1220 developments have drastic effects on the cost of 3D-P activities, 3D printer lifespan, industry dynamism, and
1221 opens 3D-P consumers to similar abuses found in other industries [272]. Laboratories with large investments in
1222 commercial bioprinters should consider forming an escrow agreement to ensure maintenance of software or
1223 hardware should the licensor go bankrupt or fail to update its product. Laboratories with smaller budgets can
1224 avoid these costs up front by building their own 3D bioprinters using the instructions in the following resources:
1225 McElheny; Kahl et al.; Kharel et al.; Lanaro et al. [273-276].

1226 **11. Conclusions**

1227 Many of the recommendations listed as part of this review are the product of prior pitfalls experienced while
1228 establishing a medical 3-DP lab. These pitfalls are often known to engineers and professionals working at
1229 industrial labs which have previously been the home to such technologies. However, given the recent decreases
1230 in cost of technologies, as well as interest from the medical and educational communities in 3D-P, it is
1231 important to develop a set of guidelines and best practices for those individuals not familiar with setting up such
1232 technologies within a new facility. By addressing potential pitfalls in a systematic way as outlined in this
1233 review, one can implement the appropriate procedures and decrease the risk and cost of preventable equipment
1234 failure, while “future proofing” biofabrication laboratories for eventual upgrades in 3D-P technology. Table 6
1235 summarizes many of these recommendations for professionals engaged in planning and designing biofabrication
1236 laboratories. Laboratories should consider the cost of implementation, cost of ownership (maintenance and
1237 operation), ease of implementation, and scale of implementation before investing in any strategy. Firms in
1238 academic, community, or commercial environments will have different priorities and abilities to invest in a
1239 given laboratory capacity. For sustainability, laboratories should prioritize their investment in market proven
1240 technologies with widespread adoption. Many inexperienced laboratories will invest heavily into the latest
1241 equipment generation (e.g. bioprinter, microscope, bioreactor, etc.) with short product lifecycles without
1242 considering the appropriateness of the facility needing to support it. Finally, laboratories should consider the
1243 ease of transition before investing in any given technology. For instance, laboratories with FDM printer
1244 expertise will find the transition to extrusion-based bioprinters much easier than SLA/SLS printing technology.
1245 Laboratories can avoid incurring tremendous costs for training and additional equipment by considering these
1246 issues.

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1249 We anticipate the hospital of the future will develop revolutionary technologies that will transform healthcare to
1250 deliver highly automated, personalized, and customized patient solutions. These advances will provide lower
1251 health costs, accelerated implementation of optimised clinical treatments, and deliver significantly better health
1252 outcomes for individuals and society [245]. 3D-P plays a key role in this revolution, among these approaches;
1253 biofabrication is a growing area of interest which requires specialised spaces, teams, organisation and culture to
1254 realise the true clinical impact [245]. Advanced technology of 3D-P combined with advanced medical imaging
1255 and modelling promises to produce patient-specific replacement tissue constructs and restore biological function
1256 and health in a rapid, tailored manner. As an alternative approach to current bone grafting and permanent
1257 implants, biofabrication combines the body’s own regenerative capacity with bioactive factors and
1258 biodegradable biomaterials. These are formed into the complex shapes required to restore tissue form and
1259 function [240]. Not surprisingly, the promise of biofabrication is driving significant research activity as teams
1260 progress this new technology toward routine clinical use and the guidelines for establishing world-leading
1261 facilities to support this promising new era become increasingly important.

Design Consideration	Potential Pitfall	Mitigation Strategy
Site Regulations	GTP compliance	BSL2 Laboratory
Power Considerations	Energy inefficiency	Power consumption devices
	Emergency power system	Diesel Generator + UPS
HVAC System	Environmental control	BAS + agar plating
	Inadequate filtration	Pre-filter + HEPA filter
Vibration	Print defects	Install printers on floating surface
Microscopy	Inadequate equipment	Large-scale: Laser-autofocusing, confocal microscopy; small-scale: Phase-contrast microscopy
	Automated cell profiling	Segmentation with CellProfiler, DeepCell, CDeep3M, U-Net Feature Extraction: CellProfiler, PhenoRipper, CellCognition Classification with CellProfiler, Micropilot, Cell Cognition Explorer Image Resolution: DenseDeconNet
	Cell sorting	Intelligent image-activated sorting
Bioprinters	3D bioprinting system cost	Build in-house 3D bioprinter units
	Print parameter optimization	Test parameter settings with second printer
	Print contamination	Perform trial runs on second printer. Final prints performed within BSC.
	Maintenance	Develop bioprinter validation plans; Follow recommendations of manufacturer
Quality Control	Cell preparation	SOPs, Cell characterization/sterility tests, and Batch records
	Bioink preparation	Automated pipetting workstation
	Print validation	Shape fidelity: Microscopic & OCT Imaging Construct maturation: Spectroscopic analysis & Quantitative Ultrasound
	Post processing	Automated bioreactor system
	Storage, delivery and tracking	Automated Storage and Retrieval RFID Tags on products Cloud enabled asset localization
Data Management	Storage and processing	Commercial cloud data centers
	Security	Virtual-LAN Tagging for IoT devices Unique Identifiers for cloud data

Table 6. Design considerations, potential pitfalls and mitigation strategies for bioprinting within a medical 3-DP laboratory.

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1276 **Declaration of interest**

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