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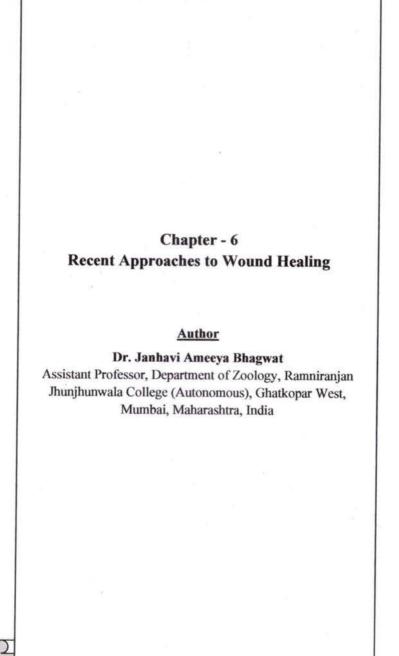
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Recent Approaches to Wound Healing

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Abstract

The chapter discusses the physiology of wound healing which involves an interplay of various molecules. The healing of chronic wounds is difficult and sometimes may lead by fatal or lead to amputation. Various types of conventional and modern approaches to wound healing are described in the chapter.

Keywords: Wound healing, wound dressing, debridement, growth factors, antibiotics, engineered skin replacement, hyperbaric oxygen therapy

1. Introduction

Wound encompasses everything from small cuts, which occur very often in our day-to-day life to chronic ulcers caused by various physiological and pathological conditions. Thus, a wound is disruption of cellular structure. anatomic structure and functional continuity of living tissue. It can be caused by physical factors such as trauma caused due to accidents, surgery, warfare or an assault or it can also occur due to chemical and physical burns¹. As the agencies causing wound differ, the nature of the injury also varies. Wounds are of different types, e.g., incised wounds, penetrating wounds, lacerated wounds, crushed and devitalised wounds to name a few. Normally, the incised wounds are confined to superficial layers of skin whereas the penetrating wounds are deep wounds that disrupt the skin along with muscles, blood vessels and nerves. In comparison, the lacerated wounds are with jagged edges, commonly seen following road accidents and are often contaminated with organic matter. Finally, the industrial and major road accidents as well as the war injuries account for crushed and devitalised wounds. The area and the depth of devitalised tissue not only depend upon the area and the weight of the crushing force but also on the duration and velocity of the impact. A severe crushing injury may have a profound general as well as local effect.

The living body has a tremendous capacity to naturally repair or heal the wounds. However, this process is disrupted due to metabolic imbalance or

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