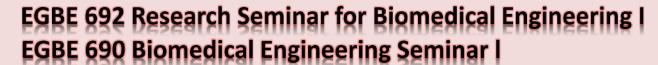


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"In-vitro Microfluidics and MEMS"

The activation and response of the immune system is a complex and dynamic process involving multiple cells and signaling molecules. In the context asthma, immune exacerbations are instigated by a class of small molecule called eicosanoids, which are regulated by cross-talk between the epithelium and leukocytes. Current platforms are limited to study these processes as they require a large number of cells and do not allow flexibility in probing the cellular communication at the source of eicosanoid production. We have developed novel in vitro platforms that allow a modular approach in studying dynamic and multi-cell type and show how these platforms are enabling in characterizing key elements in asthma regulation.