

Development of Hydroxyapatite Coatings

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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue aims at gathering information relevant to the field of hydroxyapatite coatings, from their design to their synthesis, characterization, and evaluation and, finally, to potential applications of these coatings in areas other than the medical field. Hydroxyapatite is a ceramic material with amazing capabilities regarding biointegration and bioactivity. The design and production of nanostructured hydroxyapatite coatings offers a large range of functionality and opportunities for composites and structures.

This Special Issue will serve as a forum for papers dealing with the following concepts:

Types of hydroxyapatite coatings and substrates;
Substrate pretreatment and adherence improvement procedures;
Computed modeling of substrate and coating design and performance;
Methods for coating hydroxyapatite;
Investigation and evaluation of hydroxyapatite coatings;
Applications of hydroxyapatite coatings.



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