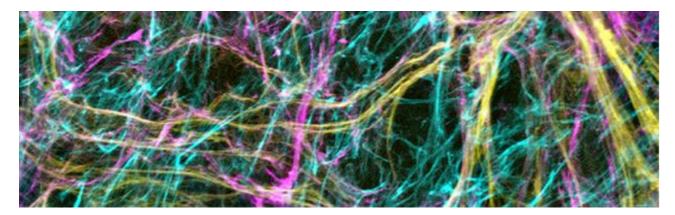
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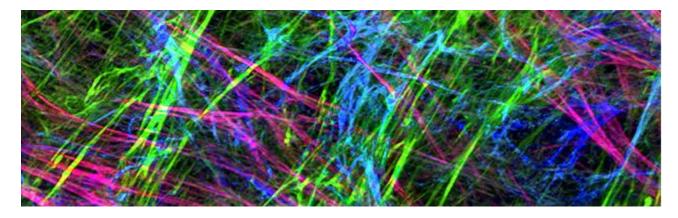
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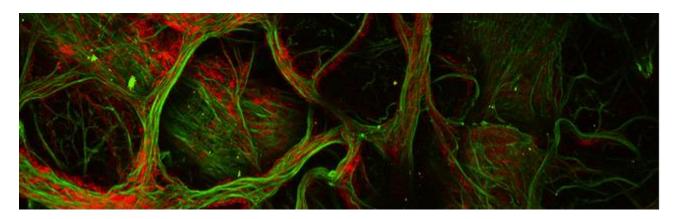
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Image Title: The Beauty in Disease

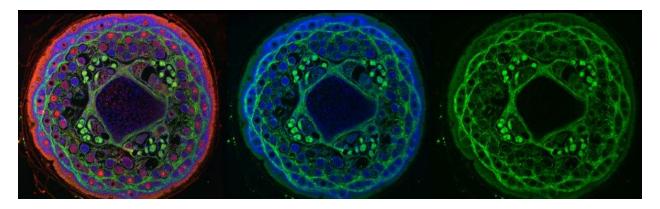
Image Description: Second harmonic imaging and 3D reconstruction of Collagen and Elastin in fibrotic lung disease



Anne Karina Perl, Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Image Title: Stained Glass Collagen

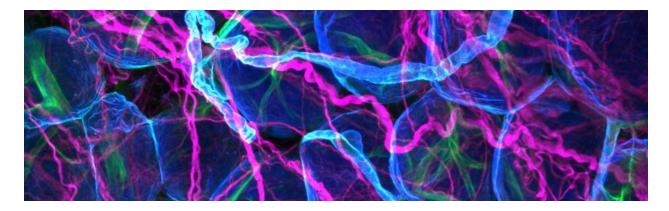
Image Description: Whole cross-section of mouse tail showing organisation of type 1 collagen (green), cells are stained with the protein chaperone Bip (red)



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Image Title: The Matrix of the Fat

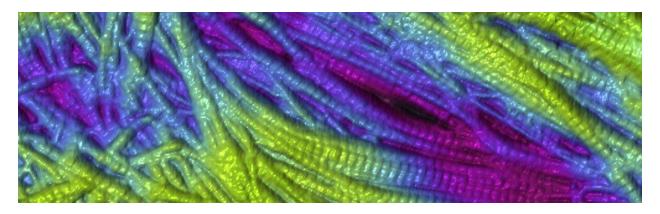
Image Description: 3D projection of the whole mount staining of fat associated with the lymph node for basement membrane components (pan-laminin in blue and perlecan in green) and collagen type III as part of interstitial matrix (magenta).



Eva Korpos, Institute of Physiological Chemistry and Pathobiochemistry, University of Muenster

Image Title: Collagen Fibril Organisation within the Mouse Intervertebral Disc as Imaged by Atomic Force Microscopy

Image Description: 3D rendering of height map data generated by AFM imaging of collagen fibrils within the annulus fibrosus of the mouse intervertebral disc. Image area 5x5 microns.



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