The mission of the IEM Center for Musculoskeletal Research (CMSR) is to synergize the expertise in musculoskeletal research within the San Diego community and to translate it into improved treatment of musculoskeletal diseases. The CMSR will bring together scientists, engineers, and clinicians in the UCSD Jacobs School of Engineering, UCSD Health Sciences, neighboring research institutes and industry to elucidate mechanisms of pathogenesis of musculoskeletal disease, create innovative technology for cutting-edge musculoskeletal research, and develop novel strategies to improve diagnosis, treatment and prevention of musculoskeletal diseases.

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