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Collagen and the Extracellular Matrix

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Collagen account for around 1/3 of all our body proteins. Since the discovery, 50 years ago, of a new species of collagen in mammalian articular cartilage, 28 distinct members of this family of proteins have been isolated from other tissues. They play a key role in the normal function of all organs. Anomalies of the extracellular matrix are responsible for up to 20% of deaths and essentially no effective interventions are available. The state of the research in this field and future directions are outlined in this volume.

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