

## **IMPLANTABLE DEVICES AND DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS: INNOVATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Implantable drug delivery systems have emerged as a cornerstone of modern biomedical engineering, offering sustained, localized, and programmable therapeutic release. Unlike conventional oral or intravenous administration, which often results in fluctuating plasma concentrations and systemic side effects, implantable devices provide controlled dosing directly at the site of need. This paper traces the historical development of implantable technologies, beginning with early polymer based implants and progressing to advanced bioMEMS platforms capable of wireless communication and integration with biosensors. Applications span oncology, endocrinology, neurology, cardiology, and pain management, demonstrating their versatility in addressing chronic and acute conditions. Materials science plays a pivotal role, with biocompatible polymers, hydrogels, and nanostructured carriers enabling precision release and minimizing immune response. Despite their promise, challenges persist in biocompatibility, energy sustainability, regulatory approval, and ethical concerns surrounding data privacy. Future directions emphasize biodegradable smart implants, nanotechnology enabled precision delivery, and AI driven personalization through closed loop systems. By bridging engineering innovation with clinical practice, implantable drug delivery systems are poised to redefine therapeutic paradigms, offering safer, more effective, and patient centered healthcare solutions.*

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