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Live-Cell Imaging Evolves to Find New Niches

Both bright-field and fluorescence techniques can capture cellular processes for observation of real-time dynamics. Since its introduction in the 1600s, improvements in microscope technology have continually broadened the types of cells and cellular processes that can be studied. Advances in automation have made this already-simple tool faster and more capable, and time-lapse imaging reveals function and dynamics in addition to structure. Live-cell imaging has enabled us to witness incredible moments in biology in unprecedented detail. Even embryogenesis - the process of cell division and cellular differentiation that occurs at the earliest stages of life - has recently been captured.

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Three company representatives touch on the variables driving the market for adaptive optics for biological applications. Adaptive optics started off looking out to the sky, helping astronomers correct for distortions

tissue. To take the pulse of the bio market for adaptive optics, BioPhotonics spoke with: Michael Feinberg,

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Sculpted Light Captures Brain Activity

A high-speed imaging technique that "sculpts" the 3-D distribution of light in a sample can resolve a single neuron in a living worm, opening possibilities for studying the function of the organism's nervous system and pairing brain function to anatomy. A major aim of neuroscience today is to understand how an organism's nervous system processes sensory input and generates behavior by observing the activity of cells across the entire brain. But to do this, scientists need detailed maps of how the nerve cells are wired in the brain as well as information on how these networks interact in real time.

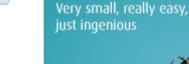
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Laser-Based Tool Tells Normal Tissue From Tumors A new laser tool can microscopically distinguish between normal and cancerous brain tissue in real time. It doesn't miss cells that could trigger new tumor growth, so it could make brain cancer surgery much more effective. The approach, called SRS (stimulated Raman scattering) microscopy, was developed and tested by a multidisciplinary team of chemists, neurosurgeons, pathologists and others affiliated with the University of Michigan Medical School and Harvard University.

spectroscopy (SERS) enough to allow the performance of analyses that are more reliable, sensitive and costeffective. Potential applications include real-time point-of-care monitoring of physiological levels, fast screening

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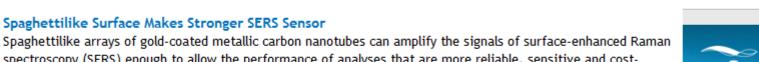
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