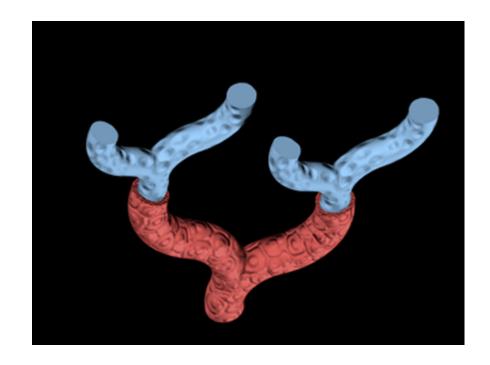
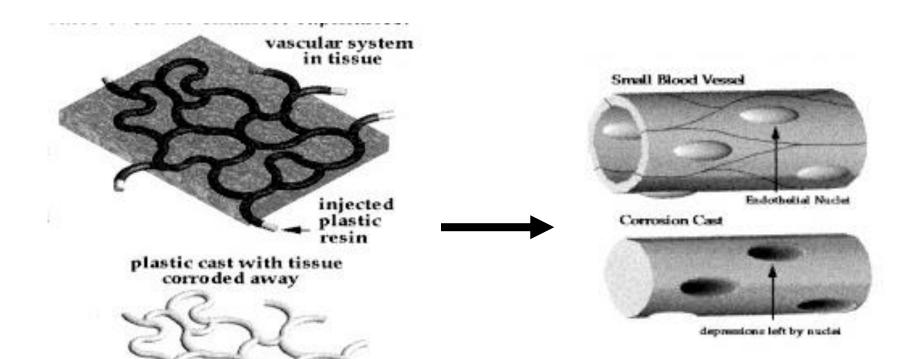
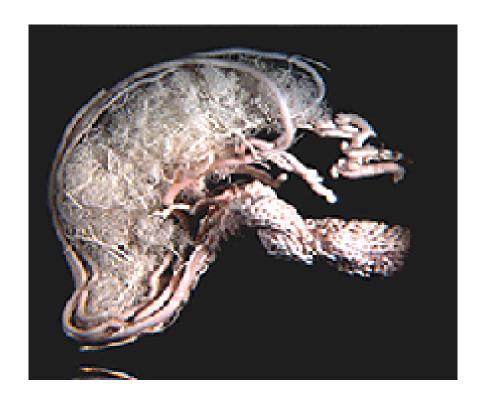
Vascular Corrosion Casting



The entire vascular system of a whole animal or organ down to the smallest capillaries can be injected with a plastic polymer which fills the blood space and rapidly polymerizes. When the tissue is subsequently corroded away with an alkali solution, a hardened cast remains which accurately represents the essential geometry of the original vascular system. These casts can be examined with dissecting microscope (with limited magnification and depth of field) or a scanning electron microscope which provides striking resolution and depth of focus.

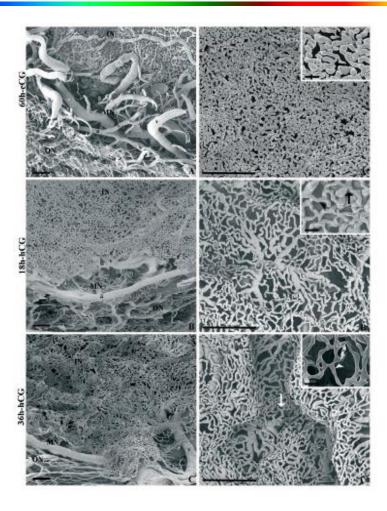
VASCULAR CORROSION CASTING





Rabbit ovary photographed with light microscopy.

VASCULAR CORROSION CASTING



Corrosion cast of microvessels in the ovary of a sow Scanning electron micrograph