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Biomedical Effects of Space Flight – Operational Perspective

Speaker: Leroy Chiao, Ph.D., Former NASA Astronaut Assistant Professor, BCM Center for Space Medicine Chair of NSBRI User Panel

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The space and microgravity environment presents unique biomedical challenges to astronauts and other biological systems. These issues are increased during long-duration spaceflight, and will become more important as missions beyond Low Earth Orbit (LEO) are contemplated. Dr. Chiao presents an overview of these problems, as well as current operational countermeasures and developments, against a backdrop of his spaceflight experiences.