

Synvisc Injection

Synvisc is an elastic and viscous substance made from hyaluronan which is found in normal joint fluid.

Why Inject Synvisc?

Synvisc is used to treat pain in patients with osteoarthritis, usually of the shoulder, hip, knee or ankle joint, who have failed to respond adequately to more conservative treatments.



What are the likely benefits of Synvisc?

Clinical trial results have shown that Synvisc injections relieve pain and may delay the need for knee surgery in some patients. The injection can take several weeks to work.

Procedure

Synvisc is injected directly into the joint to restore the cushioning and lubricating properties of normal joint fluid. Your treating doctor will advise as to whether a single dose or series of three injections is required as the most appropriate treatment for you.

Are there any risks or side effects

There are risks and side effects associated with any treatment. In general the risk is low, but includes:

- Mild to moderate pain
- Swelling
- Redness, warmth and bruising at the injection site

- Joint stiffness
- Headache

Most of these symptoms are transient, should you experience fever, localised heat, swelling or increasing pain at the injection site more than 48 hours after the injection, you should consult your doctor without delay.

What to expect afterwards

- When the anaesthetic wears off you may have mild discomfort at the injection site. Paracetamol and/or ice may provide some comfort if required.
- You may experience pain for 48 hours.
- You should not participate in strenuous activity or exercise for 48 hours to one week depending on your treating doctor's instructions. They will also advise you on how best to resume pre-treatment activity levels.
- If you are concerned that you are having problems from your injection, please ring Imaging @ Olympic Park or your Referring Doctor.

Concerns

It is important you understand why and how we will be assisting you. Please feel free to contact our friendly staff at any time if you have any questions or concerns on [03 9420 1700](tel:0394201700).

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We are situated in the new AAMI Park. Free on-site parking available for our patients- enter via Entrance F and continue to Car Park F.