

Osteoarthritis knee pain



Relief

Give your knees
the **cushioning**
they need

SYNVISC® (hylan G-F 20)

lubricates and cushions your knee,
and can provide up to six months of
osteoarthritis **knee pain relief**.*

* As shown in a medical study comparing Synvisc to an injection of salt water.

SYNVISC is used to relieve knee pain due to osteoarthritis (OA). It is for patients who do not get enough relief from simple painkillers such as acetaminophen, or from exercise and physical therapy.

Important Safety Information

Before trying SYNVISC, tell your doctor if you have had an allergic reaction, such as swelling of the face, tongue or throat, respiratory difficulty, rash, itching or hives to SYNVISC or any hyaluronan-based products.

Please see Important Safety Information on page 10.

Please see Important Patient Information on page 11.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO SETTLE FOR OSTEOARTHRITIS KNEE PAIN

It's time to find the right treatment option for you

Talking to your doctor is the best way to start exploring your treatment options. And when you do, keep in mind:

Osteoarthritis knee pain affects everyone differently

An X-ray can show your grade or stage of osteoarthritis, but your level of pain isn't necessarily connected to it. Your osteoarthritis could be mild with a great deal of pain or severe with little pain. Your doctor is relying on you to give a clear description of how your knee feels.

It's caused by more than just cartilage loss

In knees with osteoarthritis, the cartilage protecting the ends of the bones gradually deteriorates, joint fluid loses its shock-absorbing qualities, and bones may begin to rub against each other—all of which may cause the osteoarthritis knee pain you're feeling.

3 signs it's time for a different treatment:

1. Knee pain forces you to give things up
2. Knee pain keeps you from exercising
3. Current treatments are falling short

SYNVISC (hylan G-F 20) is a different way to treat osteoarthritis knee pain

SYNVISC lubricates and cushions your knee, and can provide up to six months of osteoarthritis knee pain relief.

When you're ready to try something different, be sure to ask your doctor if SYNVISC is right for you.



TELL YOUR DOCTOR

- *How often the pain occurs*
- *How it affects your activities*
- *If your current treatment isn't working*

ASK ABOUT SYNVISC® (hylan G-F 20)

A natural way to
treat osteoarthritis knee pain

What is SYNVISIC?

SYNVISC is a series of three injections, given one week apart, that supplement the fluid in your knee to help lubricate and cushion the joint, and can provide up to six months of osteoarthritis knee pain relief.

What is SYNVISIC made from?

The injection contains a gel-like mixture made from a substance called hyaluronan (pronounced hy-al-u-ROE-nan) that comes from chicken combs.

Hyaluronan is a natural substance found in the body and is present in very high amounts in joints. The body's own hyaluronan acts like a lubricant and a shock absorber in the joint and is needed for the joint to work properly.

When should I consider SYNVISIC?

SYNVISC is for people with knee osteoarthritis who have not received enough pain relief from diet, exercise and over-the-counter pain medication. If you've tried these options and are still feeling osteoarthritis knee pain, tell your doctor and ask if SYNVISIC could help.



SYNVISC
supplements
joint fluid

SYNVISC supplements your joint fluid to relieve pain and improve lubrication and cushioning in your knee.

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What are the side effects?

Side effects from SYNVISIC are infrequent. In clinical trials, about 7% of patients experienced pain, swelling and/or fluid buildup around the knee.



ASK YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT A NATURAL SOLUTION

SYNVISC is a product made from a natural substance that lubricates and cushions your knee joint.

PREPARE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENTS

Be informed about SYNVISIC®
(hylan G-F 20) injections

How is SYNVISIC given?

SYNVISIC is injected directly into your knee over the course of three doctor visits, one week apart.

What is the procedure like?

Each injection takes a few minutes and can be done in your doctor's office.

Will the injection hurt?

Your doctor will likely apply a numbing agent before your SYNVISIC injections. You may feel some pressure, but it shouldn't be painful.

Is it covered by insurance?

SYNVISIC is covered by Medicare and most insurance plans.

What happens after the injections?

You can resume normal day-to-day activities immediately after the injections, but you should avoid any strenuous activities for about 48 hours.

KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

What happens after your SYNVISIC® (hylan G-F 20) injections

In the first 48 hours after your SYNVISIC injection:

- You should be able to resume your normal day-to-day activities
- You should avoid activities that put excessive strain on your knee such as jogging, lifting or prolonged standing
- If you have any mild pain or swelling at the injection site, place an ice pack on your knee for 10 minutes or as recommended by your doctor

In the coming months:

- Some patients may begin to feel osteoarthritis knee pain relief after the first injection, but you need to have all three injections to get the maximum benefit
- Although everyone responds differently, most patients feel the greatest relief 8 to 12 weeks after the first injection
- SYNVISIC can provide up to six months of knee pain relief

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