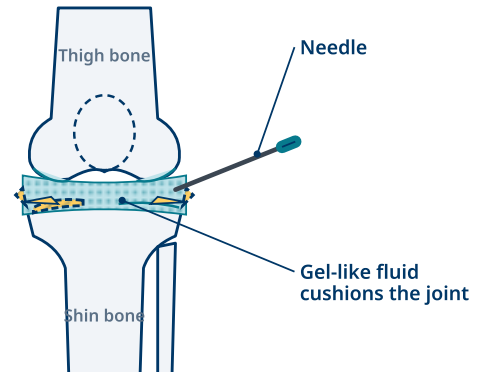


Viscosupplementation

What it is

Viscosupplementation puts a gel-like fluid into the knee. The fluid is like the natural fluid in a healthy joint. It may ease knee arthritis pain for some people.



Why it is done

- Knee osteoarthritis
- Pain not adequately relieved by exercise, weight management and medication
- Patients who want to avoid or delay surgery

Self-care tips

- Rest the day of your injection. Most people return to light activity the next day.
- Ice on the site for 15 to 20 minutes may ease soreness.
- Keep a pain diary for 2 weeks to share with us.
- Keep taking your usual medicines unless we tell you otherwise.

What to expect

Before: We review your knee X-rays and the treatments you have tried.

During: This is a short office visit. The gel is injected into the knee. Some products need a series of shots.

After: Avoid hard activity, like running or heavy lifting, for about 2 days.

When to call us

- Fever or chills
- Redness, swelling, warmth or drainage where the needle went in
- Pain that is much worse than before, or new weakness or numbness
- A bad headache that is worse when you sit or stand

Call 911 for trouble breathing, chest pain, or loss of bladder or bowel control.

Call 732-202-3000

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