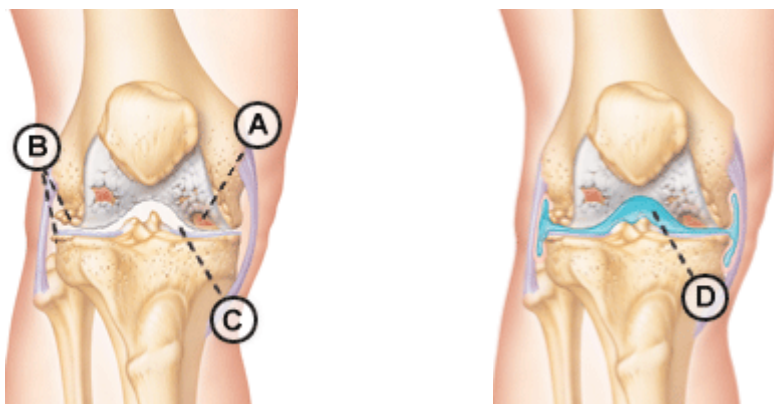


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## About SYNVISC<sup>®</sup>



- A. Cartilage wears away
- B. Bone spurs may develop
- C. Joint Fluid Breaks down

D. SYNVISC

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### How does SYNVISC work?

In knees with osteoarthritis, the joint fluid (called synovial fluid) can break down and not provide the cushioning your knee needs. SYNVISC supplements your knee fluid to relieve the pain and improve the knee joint's natural shock absorbing abilities, allowing you to move more freely and get back to the activities you've been avoiding. SYNVISC is made from a natural substance similar to that found in normal, healthy joint fluid.

### How is SYNVISC given?

SYNVISC is injected directly into the knee over the course of three doctor visits, one week apart or in one injection, Synvisc One. It's a simple, in-office procedure that takes just a few minutes. After the injection, you can resume normal day-to-day activities but your doctor may recommend you avoid any strenuous exercise for about 24-48 hours.



### **What is SYNVISIC?**

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### **Will SYNVISIC cure my OsteoArthritis (OA) of the knee?**

There is no cure for OA. But successful treatment with SYNVISIC can reduce or relieve your knee pain for up to 6 months, potentially increasing your mobility and comfort.

### **How does SYNVISIC work?**

SYNVISIC supplements your knee fluid with a natural substance that's similar to normal, healthy joint fluid. It relieves pain and gives your knee the shock absorption that helps you move more freely and resume a more active lifestyle.

### **Are there side effects?**

Treatment with SYNVISIC is generally well tolerated. Side effects from SYNVISIC are infrequent. In studies, about 7% of patients experience pain, swelling and/or fluid buildup around the knee.<sup>1</sup> Other side effects, such as rash, have been reported rarely.

### **Is SYNVISIC the same as steroid injections?**

No, SYNVISIC is not a steroid. Both steroids and SYNVISIC are given by injection, but SYNVISIC is made from a substance that is similar to normal, healthy joint fluid and acts like a cushion for the joint. Steroids can reduce swelling and inflammation, but do not lubricate the joint space. The benefits of treatment with Synvisc have also been shown to last longer than those for treatment with a steroid.

### **Will SYNVISIC help at any stage of OA?**

SYNVISIC provides pain relief for patients across all stages of OA, from mild to severe. In a clinical study of patients with OA of the knee ranging from Grade 1 (mild) to Grade 4 (severe), patients in every category were judged to be better or much better after treatment with SYNVISIC.

### **Can both my knees be treated with SYNVISIC?**

Yes. You can receive treatment in both knees at the same time, or at different times. Ask your doctor what is best for you.

### **Can I get more than one course of treatment with SYNVISIC?**

Yes. After your first course of treatment, keep track of your symptoms. When your OA side effects such as pain and stiffness start to return, talk to your doctor about another course of SYNVISIC.

### **If I'm taking oral medication to treat OA, can I still get SYNVISIC?**

Yes, a recent medical study has shown that SYNVISIC can potentially double the pain relief for people with OA of the knee when added to standard treatments, such as oral painkillers, diet and exercise.