

## **Long-Lasting Pain Relief with Just 1 Month of Treatment**

### **What is the HYALGAN treatment?**

The course of treatment consists of 5 injections into the knee joint. The injections are given at weekly intervals.

### **Do the Injections Hurt?**

To avoid pain of the injection you will be given a local anesthetic beforehand (the doctor will numb the area). This is to make the injection as comfortable as possible.

### **Can I Still Take My Other Medications?**

Because HYALGAN acts locally (in the knee joint) you will probably be able to continue taking other medications your doctor has prescribed. Talk to your doctor about your specific medications.



## **What Other Treatments are Available?**

Non-drug treatments:

- Avoiding activities that cause excess pain in your joints
- Exercise
- Physical Therapy

Drug Therapy:

- Painkillers such as acetaminophen and narcotics
- Drugs that reduce inflammation
- Corticosteroids that are injected directly into the joint

#### **Your exam is scheduled for:**

Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am pm

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where can I find more information  
about HYALGAN & osteoarthritis?**

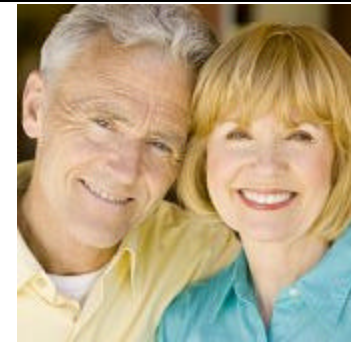
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## **HYALGAN**

### **A Different Way to Relieve Knee Pain Due to Osteoarthritis**



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## ***What is HYALGAN?***

HYALGAN is a sterile mixture made up mostly of hyaluronate, which is a natural chemical found in joint tissues and in the fluid that fills the joints.

## ***What is HYALGAN used for?***

HYALGAN, available only from your doctor, is for patients who do not get adequate relief from simple painkillers, or from exercise and physical therapy. It is injected directly into the knee joint.

## ***It Can Relieve Pain, Making Daily Living Easier and More Comfortable!***

The active ingredient in HYALGAN is a natural substance that acts as a lubricant and shock absorber in joints. With less pain, daily activities can be performed more easily and comfortably.



## ***What is Osteoarthritis and How Does HYALGAN Help?***

Osteoarthritis is a type of arthritis that is caused by the breakdown and eventual loss of the cartilage of one or more joints. HYALGAN is a direct injection of a fluid into your knee joints.

Normally this fluid is naturally occurring and by injecting the fluid in the joint it relieves the pain.



## ***When Will I Start Feeling Better?***

Some patients experience pain relief a week after the third injection of HYALGAN. However, for others, pain relief was not seen until after the fifth injection.

## ***Is HYALGAN a Good Choice for You?***

- It avoids many of the side effects of prescription-strength ibuprofen, naproxen, and other similar arthritis drugs.
- It's as effective as prescription-strength naproxen.
- You should NOT have HYALGAN injections if you have had an allergic reaction to any medication containing hyaluronate.
- You should NOT have HYALGAN injections into the knee if you have an infection or skin disease in the area of the injection site.

