

HYMOVIS[®]

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Breakthrough treatment for pain in
Osteoarthritis of the joints

A Patient's Guide



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Your doctor has recommended treatment with HYMOVIS® (Hyadd4) for your osteoarthritis joint pain. This guide is intended to provide answers to questions you may have about your HYMOVIS® treatment. Please, make sure to read the following important information carefully. This information is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice. Ask your doctor if you do not understand any of this information or if you want to know more about HYMOVIS®.

What is Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis (OA) is a common condition that causes joints to become stiff and painful. Millions of people around the world have this condition, so, if you have been diagnosed with it, remember you are not alone!

OA causes the smooth cartilage that covers and protects the ends of your bones to break down. In severe cases, your cartilage thins so much that your bones may begin to rub against each other. The lubricating ability of the natural fluid in your knee diminishes, and the cartilage no longer cushions the joint as well as it did. This results in stiffness, swelling, and pain that can make walking difficult.

Your family history, age, weight and any joint injuries you may have had can all play a role in developing OA.



What to expect from HYMOVIS® treatment?

HYMOVIS®, a new therapy recently approved by FDA, is a gel-like solution that acts like a lubricant and shock-absorber in the joint (e.g., the knee).

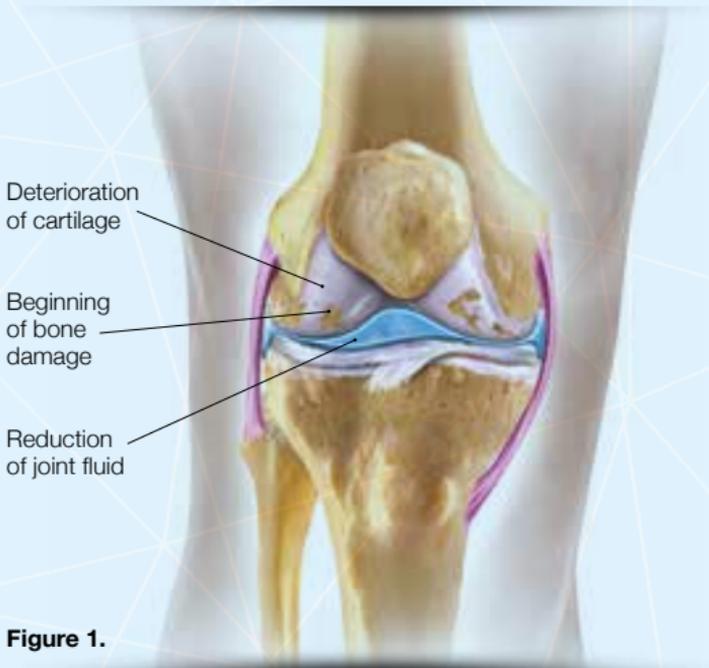


Figure 1.

Your (patient's) response to HYMOVIS® may vary, depending on the stage of joint pathology and pre-existing medical conditions.

In some patients, successful treatment with HYMOVIS® may provide **up to six months of relief** from **Osteoarthritis pain** and **improvement in joint mobility**.

Furthermore, HYMOVIS® is the **only** hyaluronic acid that demonstrates to provide **benefits in the conservative treatment of the meniscal lesion of the knee (i.e., sports-related injuries)**.

How will I receive HYMOVIS®?

Your doctor will inject HYMOVIS® directly into your joint in a convenient 2-injection regimen, with administrations one week apart for joint OA and two weeks apart for meniscal lesions.

How soon will I get pain relief from HYMOVIS®?

Pain relief varies from patient to patient and may depend on the severity of your disease and the intensity of your pain. Speak with your doctor about your concerns and expectations about HYMOVIS®.

Can I repeat my treatment with HYMOVIS®?

HYMOVIS® therapy can be safely repeated if your doctor feels it is appropriate. Please, consult with your doctor to find out whether you can benefit from repeat treatment and when your next course of HYMOVIS® can be initiated.

Can I continue taking other medications while being treated with HYMOVIS®?

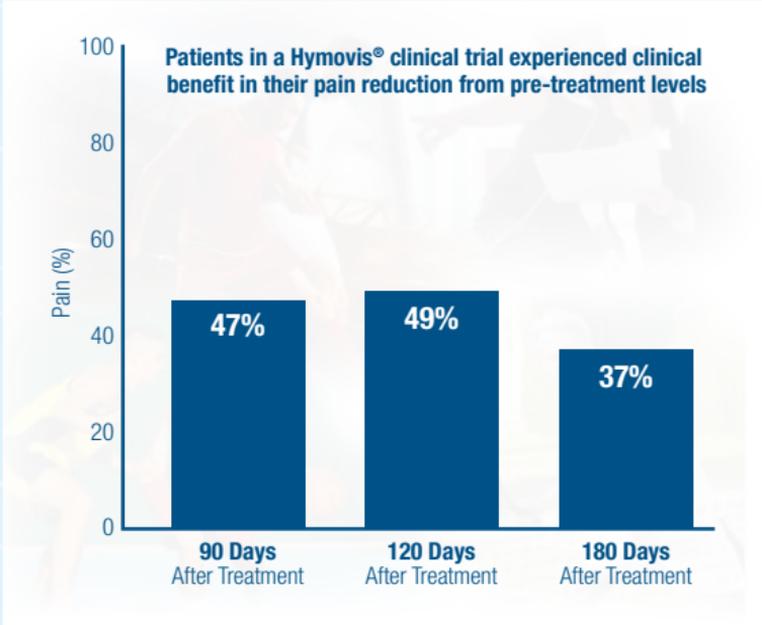
HYMOVIS® has no known drug interactions. However, you should consult with your doctor before taking any other medications while on HYMOVIS® treatment.

What do I need to do after receiving a HYMOVIS® injection?

It is recommended you avoid strenuous activities, such as high-impact sports (tennis or jogging) or prolonged weight-bearing activities (standing), for approximately 48 hours following the injection. You should speak with your doctor regarding the appropriate time to resume such activities.



Long-lasting pain relief with HYMOVIS®



If you are suffering from mild OA, you are strongly recommended to follow non-pharmacological guidelines advised from International Scientific Committees in combination with i.a. injections of HYMOVIS®.

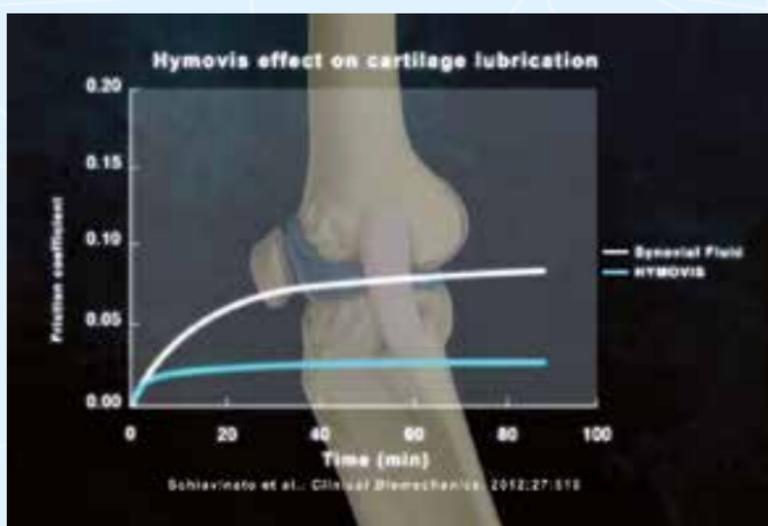
Non-pharmacological therapy:

- Weight reduction
- Avoiding activities that cause excess pain in your joints
- Physical therapy/Home Exercise Programs



The unique features of HYMOVIS® exert:

- **special lubricating properties** that allow for the **reduction of friction** between joint surfaces.
- **biological properties** as nutrition, protection of the cartilage, control of pain, resulting in reduction of inflammatory response.



**The lower the friction coefficient,
the better the lubrication**

What are the possible side effects of HYMOVIS® therapy?

Some side effects (also called adverse reactions) may occur with HYMOVIS® treatment. Symptoms such as warmth, redness and swelling may appear at the injection site, and are usually mild and transient.

In clinical studies, the occurrence of side effects with HYMOVIS® was almost the same as in patients receiving placebo.



Indications

HYMOVIS® is indicated for the treatment of pain in osteoarthritic joints and in the conservative treatment of the meniscal lesion of the knee and for the improvement of joint mobility through the enhancement of synovial fluid viscoelasticity.

Important Safety Information

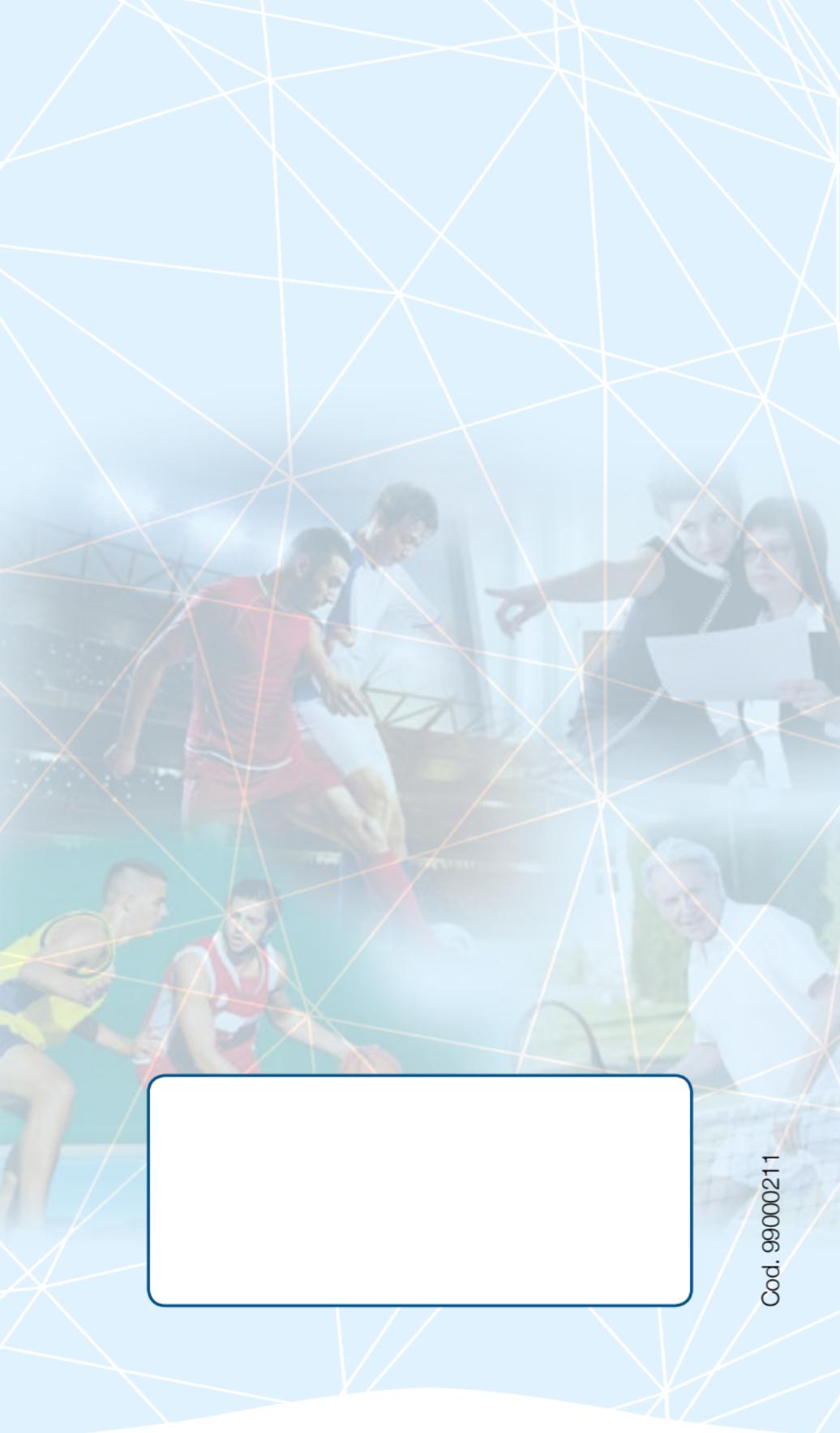
Before receiving HYMOVIS®, tell your doctor if you are allergic to hyaluronan products, have an allergy to gram-positive bacterial proteins or have an infection/skin disease in the area of the injection site.

Treatment should be avoided if the joint shows evidence of acute inflammation.

The safety and efficacy of HYMOVIS® in children and pregnant women have not been established.

The side effects most commonly seen after injection into the joint are pain, discomfort, swelling, stiffness, and itching at the injection site. These reactions are generally mild and do not last long. If any of these symptoms or signs appears after you are injected, or if you have any other problems, contact your doctor.





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