



CORVALLIS

pain management

HYALGAN INJECTIONS

WHAT ARE HYALGAN INJECTIONS?

This medication is used to treat knee pain in patients with joint inflammation (osteoarthritis). It is usually used in patients who have not responded to other treatments such as acetaminophen, exercise, or physical therapy. Hyaluronate (also known as hyaluronan) is similar to a substance that occurs naturally in the joints. It may work by acting as a lubricant and shock absorber in the joint, helping the knee to move smoothly, thereby lessening pain.

HOW DO THEY WORK?

Your provider will give you an injection of Hyalgan into your knee. A treatment cycle consists of five injections given at weekly intervals. Some patients may experience benefit with three injections given at weekly intervals. This has been noted in studies reported in the literature in which patients treated with three injections were followed for 60 days.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Possible risks include: pain, swelling, heat, and/or redness of the joint as well as rash, itching, or bruising where Hyalgan is injected. These reactions were generally mild and did not last long. If any of these symptoms or signs appear after you are given Hyalgan, please contact our clinic.

