



# Management of Osteoarthritis

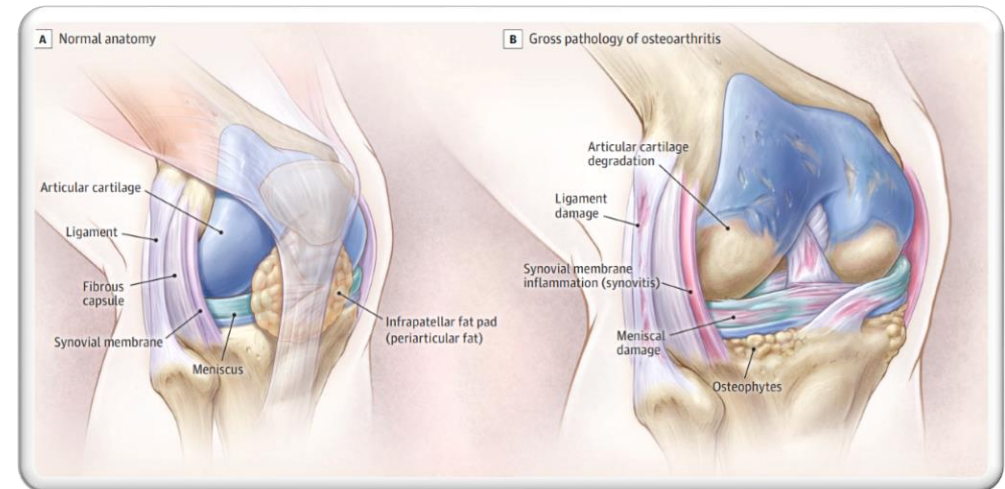
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# Learning Outcomes

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**At the end of this session, the learner is expected to:**

- ☐ Know the Non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic management of OA
- ☐ Provide best patient education & counselling
- ☐ Be aware of the role of nutritional supplements and alternative medicines in management of OA

# INTRODUCTION

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- ❑ Osteoarthritis (OA) is the **commonest form of arthritis** and possesses marked variability of disease expression. It affects an estimated more than 240 million persons worldwide and an estimated more than 32 million persons in the US.
- ❑ Although most patients present with **joint pain and functional limitations**, the **age of disease onset, sequence** of joint involvement, and **disease progression** vary from person to person.
- ❑ OA ranges from an **asymptomatic**, incidental finding on clinical or radiologic examination to a **progressive disabling disorder** eventually culminating in "joint failure."

## How Common Is OA?

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- ❑ The risk of OA increases markedly with age. **One-third** of individuals older than 75 years have symptomatic knee OA.
- ❑ Osteoarthritis is **more common in women** than in men.
- ❑ Other important risk factors of OA include **obesity**, prior **joint injury**, **genetics**, and **malalignment of joints**.

# CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

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- ❑ The primary symptoms of osteoarthritis (OA) are **joint pain**, **stiffness**, and **locomotor restriction**.
- ❑ Symptoms usually present in just **one** or a **few joints** in a middle-aged or older person.
- ❑ Other manifestations in patients with OA include sequelae such as **muscle weakness**, **poor balance**, and comorbidities such as **fibromyalgia**

# STAGE OF KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS

**I**  
**Doubtful**



Minimum disruption.  
There is already  
10% cartilage loss.

**II**  
**Mild**



Joint-space narrowing.  
The cartilage to begin breaking down.  
Occurrence of osteophytes.

**III**  
**Moderate**



Moderate joint-space reduction.  
Gaps in the cartilage can  
expand until they reach the bone.

**IV**  
**Severe**



Joint-space greatly reduced.  
60% of the cartilage is already lost.  
Large osteophytes.







Heberden's nodes



Deformity  
Heberden's nodes



## Principal manifestations of osteoarthritis

Patient characteristics	
Age of onset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ &gt;40 years*</li></ul>
Symptoms	
Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Affects one or a few joints at a time</li><li>▪ Insidious onset - slow progression over years</li><li>▪ Variable intensity</li><li>▪ May be intermittent</li><li>▪ Increased by joint use and relieved by rest</li><li>▪ Night pain in severe osteoarthritis</li></ul>
Stiffness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Short-lived (&lt;30 minutes) and early morning- or inactivity-related</li></ul>
Swelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Some (eg, nodal osteoarthritis) patients present with swelling and/or deformity</li></ul>
Constitutional symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Absent</li></ul>
Physical exam findings	
Appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Swelling (bony overgrowth ± fluid/synovial hypertrophy)</li><li>▪ Attitude</li><li>▪ Deformity</li><li>▪ Muscle wasting (global - all muscles acting over the joint)</li></ul>
Palpation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Absence of warmth</li><li>▪ Swelling (effusion if present is usually small and cool)</li><li>▪ Joint line tenderness</li><li>▪ Periarticular tenderness (especially knee, hip)</li></ul>
Range of motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Crepitus (knee, thumb bases)</li><li>▪ Reduced range of movement</li><li>▪ Weak local muscles</li></ul>

Cardinal symptom.

OA: osteoarthritis.

\* Major joint injury and certain rare conditions may predispose to OA before the age of 40 years.

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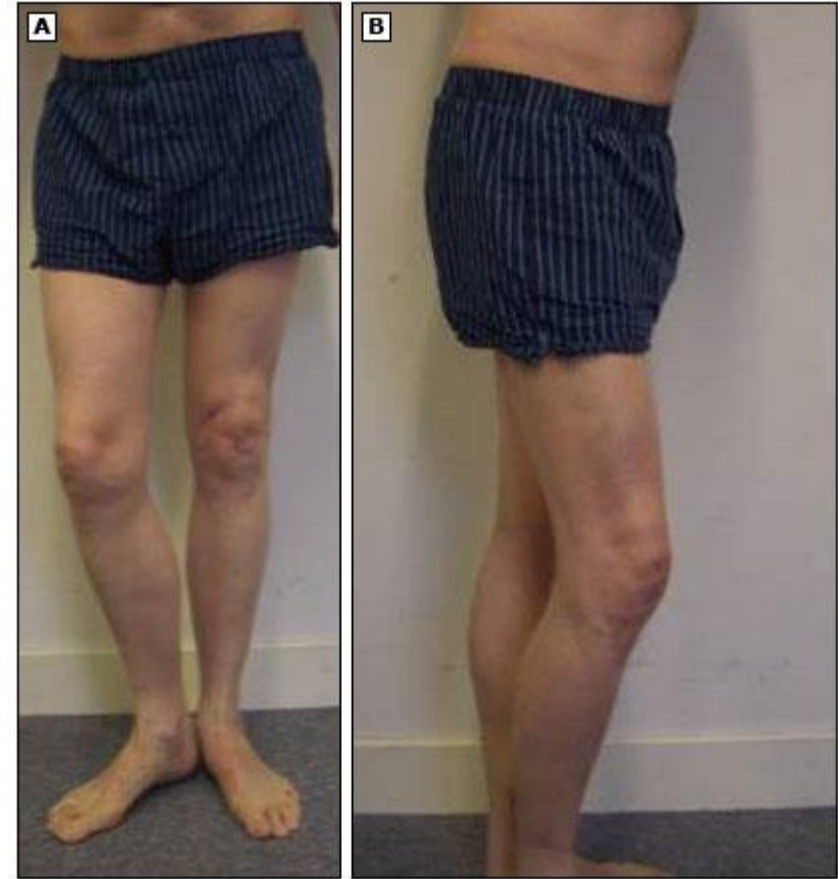
Erosive hand OA with  
marked radial deviation



Thumb-base osteoarthritis



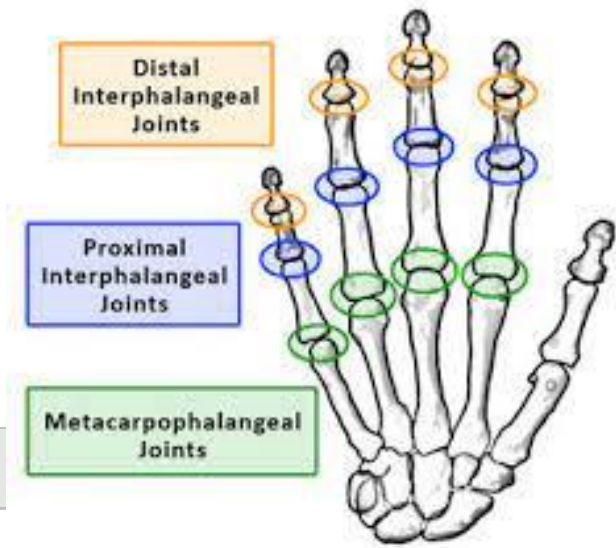
Unilateral knee OA



right hip OA, showing fixed flexion and external rotation deformity.

## Clinical distinction between rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis

Feature	Rheumatoid arthritis	Osteoarthritis
Primary joints affected	Metacarpophalangeal	Distal interphalangeal
	Proximal interphalangeal	Carpometacarpal
Heberden's nodes	Absent	Frequently present
Joint characteristics	Soft, warm, and tender	Hard and bony
Stiffness	Worse after resting (eg, morning stiffness)	If present, worse after effort, may be described as evening stiffness
Laboratory findings	Positive rheumatoid factor	Rheumatoid factor-negative
	Positive anti-CCP antibody	Anti-CCP antibody-negative
	Elevated ESR and CRP	Normal ESR and CRP



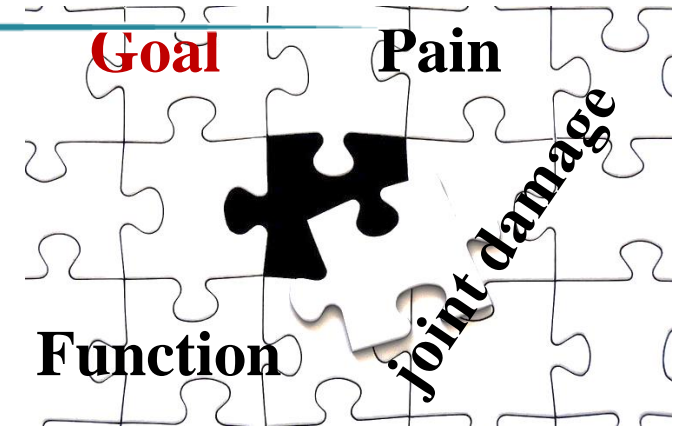
CCP: cyclic citrullinated peptide; ESR: erythrocyte sedimentation rate; CRP: C-reactive protein.



# Goal of treatment

□ The goals of OA management are to

- Minimize pain
- Optimize function
- And beneficially modify the process of joint damage





# Approach

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- ❑ Due to the **modest effects** of the individual treatment options, a **combination** of therapeutic approaches is commonly used in practice and should prioritize therapies that are **safer**.





## Non-pharmacologic therapy

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- ❑ Non-pharmacologic interventions are the **mainstay** of OA management and should be **tried first**, followed by or in concert with medications to relieve pain when necessary.





## Non-pharmacologic therapies include

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- ☐ **Weight** management
- ☐ **Exercises**
- ☐ **Braces** and foot **orthoses** for patients suitable to these interventions

And use of **assistive devices** when required



# Non-pharmacologic therapy for the management of OA

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## Weight loss

- ❑ Loss of at least 10 percent of body weight through a combination of diet and exercises has been associated with a 50 percent reduction in pain scores in overweight/obese patients with knee OA after 18 months.



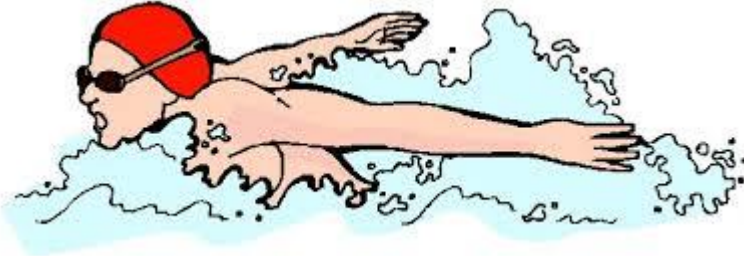


# Non-pharmacologic therapy for the management of OA

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- ❑ Exercises have effects of **similar magnitude** on pain and function compared with **NSAIDs**.

A combination of **aerobic, strengthening, isometric and** aquatic exercises.





isometric exercise



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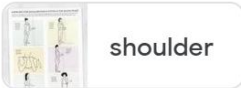
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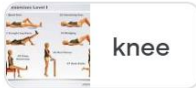
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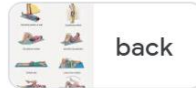
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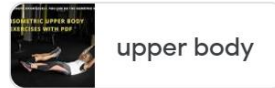
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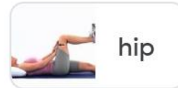
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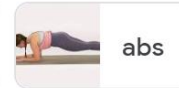
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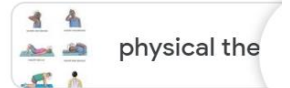
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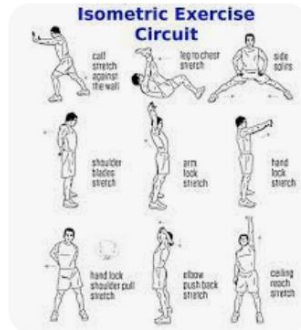
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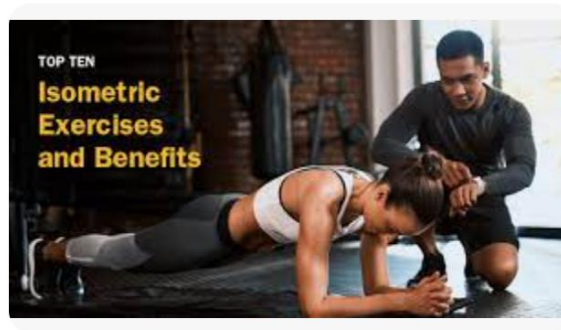
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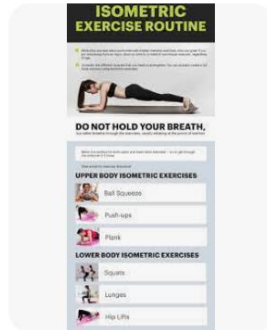
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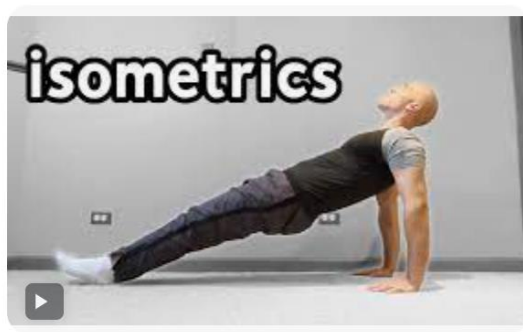
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# Non-pharmacologic therapy for the management of OA

## Equipment

**Braces, foot orthoses, and assistive devices when required**



# Summary of Osteoarthritis Treatment Guidelines From Major Professional Societies

Recommendations	ACR		EULAR		AAOS		OARSI	
	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip
Nonpharmacologic treatments								
Weight loss (overweight or obese individuals)								
Self-management/education programs (eg, goal setting, skill building, education about exercise and medication)								
Physical exercise (eg, combination of aerobic exercise, strengthening, neuromuscular training, isometric exercises)								
Balance training								
Yoga								
Tai chi								
Cognitive behavior therapy								
Acupuncture								
Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation								

 Strongly recommended

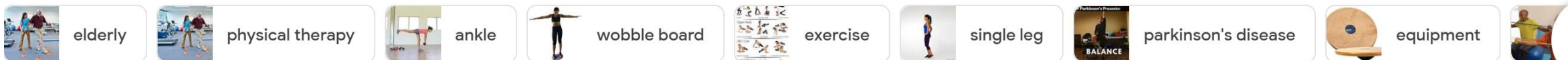
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 Strongly recommended against

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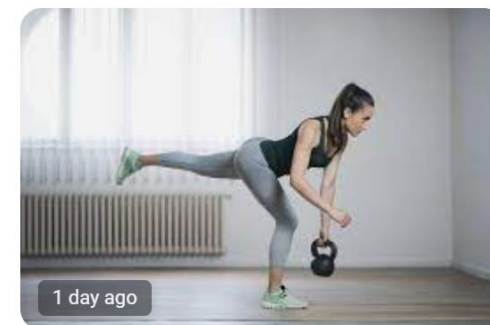
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# Pharmacologic therapy

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- ❑ Pharmacologic agents are used for patients with **symptomatic OA** who have **not responded adequately** to initial non-pharmacologic measures **or concomitantly** with these interventions.
- ❑ Pharmacologic therapy should only be used during periods when **symptoms are present**, since none of the interventions have been shown to be **disease-modifying**.





# Pharmacologic therapy

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**The main medications used in the pharmacologic management of OA include:**

- ☐ Oral and topical NSAIDs
- ☐ Topical capsaicin
- ☐ Duloxetine
- ☐ And intraarticular glucocorticoids & hyaluronate



## General approach to pharmacotherapy

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- ❑ In patients with one or a few joints affected, especially knee and/or hand OA, pharmacotherapy initiate with **topical NSAIDs** due to their **similar efficacy** compared with oral NSAIDs and their better safety profile.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Topical NSAIDs

- ❑ The risk of **gastrointestinal**, **renal**, and **cardiovascular toxicity** is much lower with topical NSAIDs as compared with its oral formulation due to the reduced systemic absorption (**5- to 17-fold** lower)
- ❑ The **tolerability profile** is **also better** with topical NSAIDs, with mild skin rashes being the most commonly reported side effect.

# Administration

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## Topical Diclofenac

☐ Lower extremity (eg, knee):

Gel 1% (OTC or Rx): **Apply 4 g** to each affected **area up to 4 times** daily; maximum dose per joint: **16 g/day**; maximum total body dose (all combined joints): **32 g/day**.

☐ Upper extremity (eg, hand):

Gel 1% (OTC or Rx): **Apply 2 g** to each affected area **up to 4 times daily**; maximum dose per joint: **8 g/day**; maximum total body dose (all combined joints): **32 g/day**.

# Administration

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- ❑ Apply to clean, dry, intact skin; do not apply to open wounds, eyes, or mucous membranes.
- ❑ Do not cover with occlusive dressings or apply heat, sunscreens, cosmetics, lotions, moisturizers, insect repellents, or other topical medications to affected area.
- ❑ Showering/bathing should be avoided for  $\geq 1$  hour following application. Wash hands immediately after application (unless hands are treated joint, then wait  $\geq 1$  hour to wash hands).
- ❑ Avoid sunlight to exposure areas.
- ❑ Avoid wearing clothes or gloves for  $\geq 10$  minutes after application.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

## Capsaicin

- ❑ Topical capsaicin is a treatment option when **one or a few joints are involved** and other interventions **are ineffective** or **contraindicated**; however, its use may be limited by common local side effects.







# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## **Oral NSAIDs are used in patients with:**

- ☐ Inadequate symptom relief from topical NSAIDs
- ☐ Symptomatic OA in multiple joints
- ☐ And/or patients with **hip OA.**



## Oral NSAIDs

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- ❑ The use of NSAIDs in most patients is limited by the increased risk of **serious gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, and renal complications.**
- ❑ The **lowest effective dose** should be used to control the patient's symptoms on an **as-needed basis.**

# Recommended doses

Diclofenac acid **35 mg** is approximately equivalent to **38.5 mg** of diclofenac salts

Drug	Usual analgesic dose (oral)	Maximum dose per day	Selected characteristics
<b>Diclofenac</b>	50 mg every 8 to 12 hours	150 mg for RA, labeling in United States permits up to 200 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dosing for free-acid preparation differs from doses listed here for sodium or potassium salts;</li> </ul>
<b>Indomethacin</b>	25 to 50 mg every 8 to 12 hours	150 mg For rheumatologic conditions, labeling in United States permits up to 200 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More frequently associated with <b>CNS side effects</b> (eg, headache, altered mental status) compared with other NSAIDs</li> </ul>
<b>Meloxicam</b>	7.5 to 15 mg <b>once daily</b>	15 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long duration of effect; <b>relatively slow onset</b></li> <li>• Relative COX-2 selectivity and <b>minimal effect on platelet function</b> at lower daily dose of 7.5 mg</li> </ul>
<b>Piroxicam</b>	10 to 20 mg <b>once daily</b>	20 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-acting <b>alternative</b> for treatment of chronic pain and inflammation poorly responsive to other NSAIDs</li> <li>• Prescribing generally limited to <b>specialists with experience</b> in treatment of chronic pain and inflammation</li> </ul>

# Recommended doses

Drug	Usual analgesic dose (oral)	Maximum dose per day	Selected characteristics
Ibuprofen	400 mg every 4 to 6 hours or 600 to 800 mg every 6 to 8 hours	3200 mg (acute), 2400 mg (chronic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Shorter-acting alternative to naproxen; <b>useful in patients without cardiovascular risks</b></li> </ul>
Naproxen	Base: 250 to 500 mg every 12 hours or 250 mg every 6 to 8 hours	Base: 1250 mg (acute); 1000 mg (chronic); may increase to 1500 mg during a disease flare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Often <b>preferred</b> for treatment of acute or chronic pain and inflammation in patients without relevant comorbidities or risks</li> <li>•Higher dose (eg, 500 mg base twice daily) may have less cardiovascular toxicity than comparable doses of other NSAIDs;</li> <li>•<b>Naproxen sodium has a faster onset than naproxen base</b></li> </ul>
Celecoxib	200 mg daily or 100 mg every 12 hours	400 mg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Less risk of GI toxicity</b> relative to nonselective NSAIDs; benefit negated by low-dose aspirin, which may require concurrent gastroprotection</li> <li>•<b>No effect on platelet function</b></li> <li>•<b>Cardiovascular and kidney risks are dose-related and may be similar to nonselective NSAIDs</b></li> <li>•May be tolerated by patients with AERD or pseudoallergic reactions (eg, asthma, rhinosinusitis) who cannot take other NSAIDs</li> </ul>



## Gastritis and Gastroduodenal Ulcer Associated with NSAIDs

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- ❑ For traditional NSAIDs, **low and medium doses** were associated with a lower risk than were higher doses.
- ❑ These adverse effects are **less common with selective COX-2 inhibitors**.
- ❑ Several NSAIDs had a far higher than average risk, including **ketorolac** and **piroxicam**.
- ❑ Drugs with a **long half-life** or **slow-release formulation** were associated with higher risk, even accounting for dose.



## Cardiovascular Effects of NSAIDs

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- ❑ The largest meta-analysis of observational studies available to date also clearly demonstrates that **higher doses of NSAIDs**, with the exception of naproxen, **increased the risk of serious cardiovascular events**.
- ❑ The effect of **dose and slow-release formulation** demonstrated that risk was a direct consequence of prolonged drug exposure.
- ❑ These adverse effects are more common with selective COX-2 inhibitors.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Duloxetine

- ❑ Duloxetine is used for patients with OA in **multiple joints** and **concomitant comorbidities** that may contraindicate oral NSAIDs and for patients who have not **responded** satisfactorily to other interventions.
- ❑ 30 mg once daily, max dose 60 mg





# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Acetaminophen

- ❑ Due to **safety concerns** pertaining to the use of acetaminophen (paracetamol) and **increased awareness** of its **negligible** and non-clinically **significant effects** on pain, this medication is no longer considered the first-line analgesic for the treatment of knee and hip OA by clinical guidelines.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Acetaminophen

- ❑ Although its **occasional use** for treatment of **mild OA** with occasional pain is recommended, its **lack of substantial efficacy** suggests that it should not be a primary treatment for **moderate to severe OA**.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Intraarticular glucocorticoid

- ❑ Intraarticular glucocorticoid injections **do not routinely used** due to the **short duration of its effects.**





# Intraarticular glucocorticoid

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## Choice of glucocorticoid preparation

- ❑ **Depot formulations** are designed to stay at the injection site and display **mostly local effects**, although systemic effects can occur.
  
- ❑ **The most commonly used depot glucocorticoids**
  - **Methylprednisolone** acetate
  - Triamcinolone **acetate**
  - And triamcinolone **acetonide**



# Intraarticular glucocorticoid

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## Variation of dose by anatomic location

- ❑ Glucocorticoid doses should vary with the **structure injected**.
- ❑ The UpToDate authors use triamcinolone acetonide
  - At standard doses of **40 mg** for a large joint (knee, shoulder),
  - **30 mg** for medium-sized joints (wrist, ankle, elbow)
  - And **10 mg** for small spaces



# Intraarticular glucocorticoid

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## Frequency of injection

- ❑ Intra-articular steroids are expected to result in clinical improvement of arthritis for **short duration**.
- ❑ Therefore, if arthritis recurs, joint injections can be repeated as many as **three times** in a **12-month period**.



# General approach to pharmacotherapy

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## Hyaluronate

- ❑ The use of any intraarticular hyaluronic acid (HA) formulation is not recommended due to the **lack of robust evidence** demonstrating benefit.
- ❑ Moreover, intraarticular HA is associated with **high costs** and potential side effects such as **pain flare-ups** and **joint infection**, although the latter is a rare complication.



# Platelet-Rich Plasma

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Research

JAMA | Original Investigation

Effect of Intra-articular Platelet-Rich Plasma vs Placebo Injection on Pain and Medial Tibial Cartilage Volume in Patients With Knee Osteoarthritis  
The RESTORE Randomized Clinical Trial

Conclusions and Relevance Among patients with symptomatic mild to moderate radiographic knee OA, intra-articular injection of PRP, compared with injection of saline placebo, did not result in a significant difference in symptoms or joint structure at 12 months. **These findings do not support use of PRP for the management of knee OA.**



# Platelet-Rich Plasma



*Therapeutic Advances in Chronic Disease*

*Review*

## Platelet-rich plasma in osteoarthritis treatment: review of current evidence

Lucía Gato-Calvo, Joana Magalhaes, Cristina Ruiz-Romero, Francisco J. Blanco and Elena F. Burguera 

*Ther Adv Chronic Dis*

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At present, results from randomized clinical trials seem to favor PRP used over other IA treatments such as HA injections, to improve pain scales in the short and medium term (6–12months).

Concluding, at present the therapeutic potential of PRP products in OA remains unfulfilled and **without further standardization its clinical efficacy will remain an open debate.**

Additionally, RCTs in which OA patients were stratified suggest that PRP is more effective in those with **lower degree of cartilage degeneration or OA grade.** Therefore, careful patient stratification should be considered.

# Platelet-Rich Plasma

[www.nature.com/scientificreports](https://www.nature.com/scientificreports)

## scientific reports



### OPEN Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) in osteoarthritis (OA) knee: Correct dose critical for long term clinical efficacy

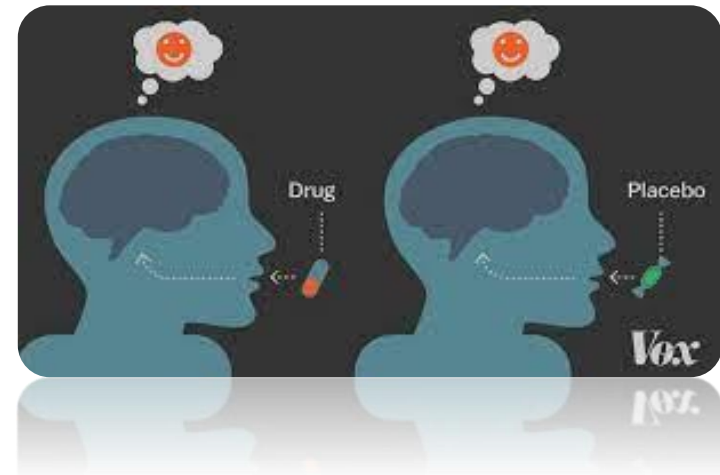
Despite encouraging results reported with regards to Platelet-rich plasma (PRP) application in osteoarthritis (OA) knee, still critical issues like conclusive structural evidence of its efficacy, **standard dose** and **good manual method of preparation** to obtain high yield remains unanswered.

Study demonstrated that an absolute count of **10 billion platelets** is crucial in a PRP formulation to have long sustained chondroprotective effect upto one year in moderate knee OA.

# Role of placebo effect

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- According to a meta-analysis of trials including a placebo group, the overall effect size estimate of placebo for **pain** (defined as change from baseline to endpoint) was **0.51** (95% CI 0.46 to 0.55) for all trials, though there was significant **variation among distinct types of placebo**.



# Role of placebo effect

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❑ A number of determinants are able to evoke a placebo response. Among them, there are factors related to the intervention such as:

- The route of delivery
- Frequency of administration
- Color and cost
- How new the intervention is
- And others related to the health professional-patient relationship (context effect).

# Role of placebo effect

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- ❑ Interventions delivered by **invasive routes** (ie, intraarticular injections and acupuncture) were associated with more robust placebo effects compared with oral or topical placebos.
- ❑ In addition to alleviating pain, improvements in other common clinical OA outcomes have also been observed with placebo such as **stiffness and joint function**.



# Nutritional supplements in management of OA

- ☐ Glucosamine and chondroitin
- ☐ Avocado soybean
- ☐ Fish oil
- ☐ Curcumin





## Nutritional supplements in management of OA

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- ❑ These nutritional supplements are not routinely recommend due to lack of **clear evidence** demonstrating a **clinically important benefit** from these supplements.
- ❑ However, may have **small effects** on symptoms, and patients with **mild disease** who may benefit more from these therapies.



## Nutritional supplements in management of OA

- ❑ Some meta-analyses also suggested that glucosamine sulfate (**1500 mg/day**) and chondroitin (**800 mg/day**) may have small effects in **delaying structural progression of OA** with long-term use (two to three years).



Be careful about serving size





# Glucosamine Sulphate vs hydrochloride

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## Sulphate

- Needs to be stabilised with **NaCL(salt) or KCL**
- Can contain up to 30% salt if stabilised with NaCL
- Typically contains around 75% glucosamine
- Glucosamine 2KCL does not contain salt
- Sourced from shellfish

## Hydrochloride

- A more **concentrated**
- Typically contains around 83% glucosamine
- Far **lower in salt**
- More naturally stable
- Doesn't require added salt
- Doesn't require preservatives
- Sourced from **vegetables**





## Glucosamine & diabetes

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- Glucosamine is likely safe in patients with well-controlled diabetes (HbA1c less than 6.5%) taking one or two oral antidiabetic medications or controlled by diet only.
- In patients with higher HbA1c levels or those taking insulin, monitor blood glucose levels closely/more frequently.



## Nutritional supplements in management of OA

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- With **role of placebo effect** in mind and in line with the prerequisite of "**do no harm,**" it is likely that patients with OA pain would benefit from clinicians who are able to optimize and use the placebo effect in clinical practice in the favor of their patients.
- Finally :we do not recommend **these supplements routinely** to all patients; however, we do not discourage their use for patients who **are keen to** take them, especially if **symptomatic benefit is achieved** with their use.

## How Effective Is Total Joint Replacement?

### What Are the Risks?

### How Long Does the Implant Last?

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- About 90% of recipients of total hip replacement and about 80% of recipients of total knee replacement report substantial improvement in pain.
- **Mortality** following these procedures is less than 1%, and serious problems such as pulmonary embolus, myocardial infarction, pneumonia, and infection of the implant occur in less than 5%.
- The implants are durable, with about 90% of knee implants and 80% of hip implants lasting 20 years.

# Summary of Osteoarthritis Treatment Guidelines From Major Professional Societies

Recommendations	ACR		EULAR		AAOS		OARSI	
	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip	Knee	Hip
Pharmacologic treatments								
Oral NSAIDs	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended		Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Conditionally recommended
Topical NSAIDs	Strongly recommended				Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	
Acetaminophen (short-term relief only)	Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended			Inconclusive		Conditionally recommended against	Conditionally recommended against
Tramadol	Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended			Strongly recommended			
Nontramadol opioids	Conditionally recommended against	Conditionally recommended against					Conditionally recommended against	Conditionally recommended against
Duloxetine	Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended					Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended against
Glucosamine or chondroitin	Strongly recommended against	Strongly recommended against			Strongly recommended against	Conditionally recommended against	Conditionally recommended against	
Hyaluronic acid injection	Conditionally recommended against	Strongly recommended against			Strongly recommended against	Strongly recommended against	Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended against
Glucocorticoid steroid injection	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended			Inconclusive	Strongly recommended	Conditionally recommended	Conditionally recommended
Growth factor injections and/or platelet-rich plasma	Strongly recommended against	Strongly recommended against			Inconclusive			

Strongly recommended

Conditionally recommended

Conditionally recommended against

Strongly recommended against

Inconclusive

PRP >>> IA hyaloronate



## Take home message

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- ❑ Non- pharmacologic interventions are **mainstay** of osteoarthritis management.
- ❑ **10 percent** weight reduction → **50% pain reduction.**
- ❑ None of medicines are disease modifying and their use is limited to **symptomatic conditions.**
- ❑ **Topical NSAIDs** demonstrate similar efficacy with lower toxicity compare to Oral NSAIDs.



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- ❑ Acetaminophen is not **recommended anymore**.
- ❑ NSAIDs with a **long half-life** or slow-release formulation were associated with higher risk, even accounting for dose.
- ❑ The use of any intraarticular hyaluronic acid (HA) formulation is not recommended due to the **lack of robust evidence** demonstrating benefit.
- ❑ Use of supplements is not **routinely recommended** for all patients.



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
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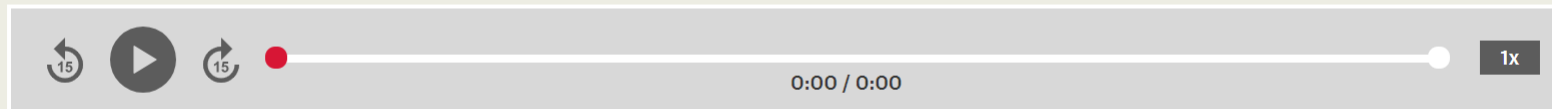
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