

## OUR TREATMENTS

# Hyaluronic Acid

### What is Hyaluronic acid?

Hyaluronic (pronounced hi-ah-lew-ron-ic) acid — also known as hyaluronan or hyaluronate — is a non-orthobiologic injection. Hyaluronic is a gooey, slippery substance that your body produces naturally. Scientists have found hyaluronic acid throughout the body, especially in eyes, joints and skin. For orthopedics injections are used for mild to moderate arthritis.

### What does Hyaluronic acid do for you?

Hyaluronic acid is a remarkable substance because of all the benefits and uses it has in your body. HA use in intra-articular injections helps to control inflammation of the joint. Due to the molecular structure it helps to retain water in the joint which can help to improve the quality of the joint fluid within an arthritic joint.

### Is Hyaluronic acid safe?

Yes. Research shows that hyaluronic acid is safe to use. Reactions or adverse effects from hyaluronic acid are rare, and it's safe to use if you're pregnant or nursing.

### How long will a Hyaluronic acid injection last?

A hyaluronic acid injection can last between 6-12 months. This is patient dependent and is unpredictable.

### What is the cost for Hyaluronic acid Therapy?

In the United States, most insurance plans and Medicare/Medicaid do not currently cover hyaluronic acid therapy. Patients interested in having hyaluronic acid therapy are responsible for the full payment for the procedure.

Current pricing for most hyaluronic acid injections depends on the number of injection sites. The price includes typical follow up care after the procedure.

We do not want cost to be a factor for patients who wish to have hyaluronic acid tissue therapy and we have clinical specialists who can help with billing and payment concerns. Please call **833-AOB-SHOT (833-262-7468)** with questions on cost or payment plans.