



Pharmacologic treatment of OA

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ACR 2012 : Nonpharmacologic recommendations for the management of hand OA*

- ▶ Evaluate Activities of daily living(ADLs)
- ▶ Instruct joint protection techniques
- ▶ Provide assistive devices, as needed, to help patients perform ADLs
- ▶ Instruct use of thermal modalities
- ▶ Provide splints for patients with trapeziometacarpaljoint OA

ACR 2012 : Pharmacologic recommendations for the initial management of hand OA*

- ▶ should use one or more of the following:
 - ▶ Topical capsaicin
 - ▶ Topical NSAIDs, including trolamine salicylate
 - ▶ Oral NSAIDs, including COX-2 selective inhibitors
 - ▶ Tramadol
- ▶ should not use the following:
 - ▶ Intraarticular therapies
 - ▶ Opioid analgesics
- ▶ persons age 75 years should use topical > oral NSAIDs.

ACR 2012 : Nonpharmacologic recommendations for the management of knee OA

- ▶ strongly recommend
 - ▶ Participate in aerobic and/or resistance land-based exercise
 - ▶ Participate in aquatic exercise
 - ▶ Lose weight (for persons who are overweight)
- ▶ no recommendations
 - ▶ Balance exercises, either alone or in comb. with strengthening exercises
 - ▶ Wearing laterally wedged insoles
 - ▶ Receiving manual therapy alone
 - ▶ Wearing knee braces
 - ▶ Using laterally directed patellar taping

ACR 2012 : Nonpharmacologic recommendations for the management of knee OA

- ▶ conditionally recommend , should do
 - ▶ self-management programs,
 - ▶ manual therapy in combination with supervised exercise
 - ▶ psychosocial interventions
 - ▶ medially directed patellar taping
 - ▶ medially wedged insoles if they have lateral compartment OA
 - ▶ laterally wedged subtalar strapped insoles if medial comp. OA
 - ▶ thermal agents, walking aids
 - ▶ tai chi, traditional Chinese acupuncture,
 - ▶ transcutaneous electrical stimulation



ACR 2012 : Pharmacologic recommendations for the initial management of knee OA

- ▶ conditionally recommend
 - ▶ Acetaminophen/ Oral NSAIDs
 - ▶ Topical NSAIDs
 - ▶ Tramadol
 - ▶ Intraarticular corticosteroid injections
- ▶ should not
 - ▶ Chondroitin sulfate/Glucosamine/Topical capsaicin
- ▶ no recommendations
 - ▶ **intraarticular hyaluronates**, duloxetine, and opioid analgesics

ACR 2012 : Nonpharmacologic recommendations for the management of hip osteoarthritis (OA)

- ▶ strongly recommend
 - ▶ cardiovascular and/or resistance landbased exercise
 - ▶ aquatic exercise
 - ▶ Lose weight (for persons who are overweight)
- ▶ conditionally recommend
 - ▶ Participate in self-management programs
 - ▶ Receive manual therapy in combination with supervised exercise
 - ▶ Receive psychosocial interventions

ACR 2012 : Nonpharmacologic recommendations for the management of hip osteoarthritis (OA)

- ▶ conditionally recommend
 - ▶ Be instructed in the use of thermal agents
 - ▶ Receive walking aids, as needed
- ▶ no recommendations
 - ▶ Participation in balance exercises, either alone or in combination with strengthening exercises
 - ▶ Participation in tai chi
 - ▶ Receiving manual therapy alone

ACR 2012 : Pharmacologic recommendations for the initial management of hip OA

- ▶ recommend
 - ▶ Acetaminophen/Oral NSAIDs/Tramadol
 - ▶ Intraarticular corticosteroid injections
- ▶ should not
 - ▶ Chondroitin sulfate/Glucosamine
- ▶ no recommendation
 - ▶ Topical NSAIDs/Intraarticular hyaluronate injections
 - ▶ Duloxetine/Opioid analgesics

AAOS 2013 G/L for Knee OA

- ▶ self-management programs, strengthening, low-impact aerobic exercises, and neuromuscular education; and engage in physical activity (strong)
- ▶ weight loss for patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee and a BMI ≥ 25 . (mod.)
- ▶ C/I : **acupuncture** in patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee (strong)
- ▶ C/I : lateral wedge insoles (mod) glucosamine, chondroitin (strong)
- ▶ Inconclusive : **PT, manual Tx.**, valgus directing force brace (medial comp. unloader)

AAOS Recom. for Knee OA

- ▶ For : NSAIDs (oral or topical) or Tramadol (strong) valgus producing proximal tibial osteotomy (limited)
- ▶ Inconclusive : **acetaminophen**, opioids, or pain patches, **intraarticular (IA) corticosteroids**, growth factor injections and/or platelet rich plasma, arthroscopic partial meniscectomy
- ▶ Against : **hyaluronic acid (strong)** needle lavage (mod) arthroscopy with lavage and/or debridement (strong) free-floating (un-fixed) interpositional device (consensus)

Acetaminophen

- ▶ Max 4 g/d
- ▶ not as effective as NSAIDs
- ▶ lower risk of adverse events, GI
- ▶ Caution : Overdose(OTC), Hepatotoxicity<pre-existing liver disease, chronic alcohol use, or those who take higher than recommended doses>, prolong the half life of warfarin
- ▶ Adequate dosage, take regularly

Oral NSAIDs

- ▶ short term treatment
- ▶ If simple analgesia & non-pharmacological measures are ineffective.
- ▶ caution in elderly, renal, cardiovascular ds, aspirin induced asthma.
- ▶ Traditional NSAIDs : GIT (eg. perforation, ulcer, bleeding)
- ▶ COX-2 NSAIDs : lower GIT, but MI, stroke, heart failure, HT risks

Oral NSAIDs

- ▶ lowest dose, shortest duration esp in elderly pt.
- ▶ AAP + NSAID : lower NSAID dose
- ▶ intermittent dose taken before aggravating activities
- ▶ Analysis of 127 trials (40rofecoxib, 37 celecoxib, 29 valedocoxib/parecoxib, 15 etecoxib and six lumiracoxib) found that **celecoxib** was associated with lower risk of both renal dysfunction (RR 0.61, 95% CI: 0.40-0.94) and hypertension(RR 0.83, 95% CI: 0.71-0.97) compared to rofecoxib.

NSAID UGI S/E

- ▶ Age > 65
- ▶ Oral glucocorticoids
- ▶ Ulcer history
- ▶ UGI bleeding history
- ▶ Anticoagulant

NSAID reversible renal problem

- ▶ Age > 65
- ▶ HT
- ▶ Heart failure
- ▶ Diuretics
- ▶ ACEI

Oral NSAIDs : ACR 2012

- ▶ If ulcer + no bleeding in the past year → COX-2 inhibitor or 'nonselective NSAID + PPI'
- ▶ If ulcer + bleeding in the past year → COX-2 inhibitor + PPI
- ▶ PPI + either a nonselective or COX-2 selective NSAID : cost effective ?



Oral NSAIDs : ACR 2012

- ▶ OA pt with ASA → nonselective NSAID other than ibuprofen +PPI
 - ▶ render aspirin less effective d/t pharmacodynamic interaction
 - ▶ Not with diclofenac or celecoxib (but COX-2 inh. should not be used)
- ▶ C/I of oral NSAIDs : CKD stage IV or V (eGFR < 30 cc/minute)
- ▶ CKD III (eGFR : 30-59 cc/min.) on an individual basis

Weak and strong opioids

- ▶ at least moderate or severe pain
- ▶ After other analgesics or NSAIDs, and in whom joint replacement surgery is contraindicated or delayed.
- ▶ start low, slow titration, esp. elderly
- ▶ A/E : resp. depression, dry mouth, N/V, dizziness, somnolence, constipation
- ▶ Addiction esp., drug/alcohol abuse, psychiatric problems, psychosis or suicidal tendency
- ▶ No driving under the influence of opioids
- ▶ Withdrawal effects (eg. insomnia, muscle contractions)

Weak and strong opioids

- ▶ weak : codeine, propoxyphene, tramadol
- ▶ Strong : oxycodone, oxymorphone, fentanyl, morphine sulphate
- ▶ adverse effects
 - ▶ nausea (30%), constipation (23%), dizziness (20%), somnolence (18%), vomiting (13%)
- ▶ Discont. of Tx : in 25% strong, 19% weak opioids, 7% placebo
- ▶ Tramadol + Serotonergic drugs : C/I d/t the risk of serotonin syndrome

Intra-articular corticosteroid injection : good RACGP

- ▶ for short term treatment : knee, hip OA - acutely painful, swollen joint.
- ▶ Rarely, Cx. :
 - ▶ fluid retention, hyperglycaemia (particularly in DM pts), HT
 - ▶ allergic reaction, postinj. swelling due to increased fluid within the joint, haematoma, and (rarely) infection.
- ▶ Synovial fluid is aspirated → corticosteroid into the joint

Topical NSAIDs

- ▶ some evidence : short term, knee, topical NSAIDs. (G3 RACGP)
- ▶ By suppression of local prostaglandin synthesis
- ▶ local A/E : skin dryness, pruritus and/or rash
- ▶ GIT : may be. significantly lower than for oral NSAIDs

Topical capsaicin

- ▶ **weak** evidence, short term, hip and knee (Grade D RACGP)
- ▶ **C/I by ACR**
- ▶ Local A/E : stinging, burning and erythema are common. diminish with repeated use.
- ▶ Apply with a glove : No to eyes and other mucous membranes.
- ▶ from chillies
- ▶ reduction in sensation - depleting a chemical (substance P. neuropeptide) associated with sensory nerve transmissions.
- ▶ only one low quality study



Viscosupplementation (hyaluronan and hylan derivatives) for knee OA

- ▶ some evidence (Grade C RACGP) C/I by ACR, AAOS
- ▶ Hyaluronic acid : elasticity and lubrication of synovial and cartilage within the joints
- ▶ some risks : allergic reaction, postinjection swelling due to increased fluid within the joint, haematoma, and (rarely) infection.
- ▶ 1 SR of 76 RCTs : varying levels of benefit for pain, function and global assessment - 5-13 weeks for viscosuppl. vs placebo in knee OA. equivalent to NSAIDs and superior to placebo. Heterogeneity in clinical impact

Figure 85. Hyaluronic Acid Versus Placebo: Pain in MDL Units

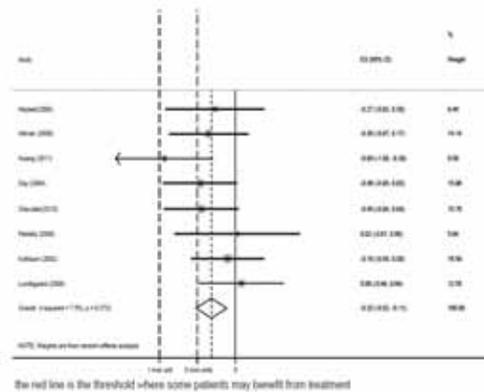
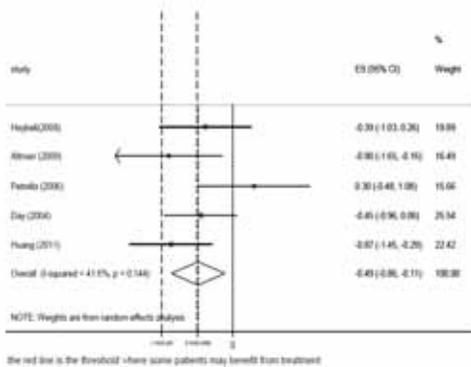


Figure 86. Hyaluronic Acid Versus Placebo: WOMAC Function in MDL Units



Viscosupplementation (hyaluronan and hylan derivatives) for hip OA

- ▶ no benefit for OA of the hip (Grade C)

growth factor injections and/or platelet rich plasma

- ▶ Inconclusive : unable to recommend for or against for patients with symptomatic osteoarthritis of the knee.

Glucosamine hydrochloride and glucosamine sulphate

- ▶ remains uncertain (Grade C, RACGP) C/I ACR, AAOS
- ▶ Caution : contain shellfish extracts-shellfish allergy.
- ▶ may elevate blood glucose. GI upsets, sleepiness, headaches and skin reactions
- ▶ Insufficient evidence on the safety during pregnancy
- ▶ been used as an analgesic and for restorative properties,
- ▶ varied results



Chondroitin sulphate

- ▶ no benefit in OA of the knee (Grade C) **C/I ACR, AAOS**
- ▶ May : bleeding, used cautiously in pts taking anticoagulants
- ▶ prevent degradation of articular cartilage by body enzymes
- ▶ adverse effects : minor GIT upset
- ▶ no benefit over placebo for patients with OA of the knee or hip

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