



VISCOSUPPLEMENTATION:

Dr Rao has recommended that you have viscosupplementation (Synvisc) treatment.

ORDERING MEDICATION:

Whilst Dr Rao administers the Synvisc in injection form, under ultrasound-guidance, it is your responsibility to order the medication prior to your appointment.

Unfortunately chemists do not stock it and whilst some can order it in, it will cost you more as they order through the same company and have to add their mark-up. An order form will be provided for you with the relevant details. The medication will be sent directly from the supplier to our rooms where we will store it safely until your appointment. It usually takes 1 week to arrive and we can hold it for a few weeks if you want to order a while in advance. The company (Clifford Hallam) are in NSW so please bear the time difference in mind when calling them.

If you have private health insurance you may be covered for the Synvisc medication. Please check directly with your insurance company. The treatment is called “viscosupplementation”. If they do cover the insurance company may need something specifically written on the invoice eg; “For the treatment of osteoarthritis”. Therefore, before you order the medication, speak to the insurance company first.

If you would like the Synvisc medication invoice/receipt, please ask reception for it when you arrive / prior to your appointment.

COSTS:

The cost of the Synvisc medication is approximately \$470; however we do not keep a record of exact costs.

INJECTIONS:

Dr Rao administers all Synvisc injections under ultrasound-guidance. The cost for each injection is \$290 (\$265 for Pension card holders). If you do not have a GP referral, we recommend you obtain one, as you will get a much greater rebate from Medicare. The rebate is \$99.55 per injection if you have a GP referral, \$21 without a GP referral.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call us on 9272 8222.