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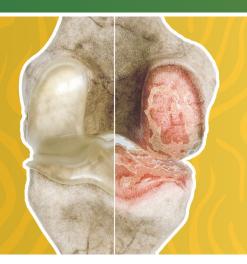




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As we all age, our bodies experience a certain "wear and tear" on cartilage and joints. This can cause inflammation and pain, known as arthritis. According to the American Arthritis Foundation, Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, making itself apparent in people as they age. It can certainly take a toll on one's body, resulting in achy or painful joints after exercise, after a long day on one's feet, or even after prolonged periods of inactivity, thus causing joints to constrict.

The most common areas of Osteoarthritis are found in the fingers, hips, knees, and spine. These are all joints that we use excessively, even in our daily lives. Just think — by the time you lift yourself out of bed, shower, brush your teeth, eat breakfast, and prepare to begin your day, you've already used these joints a multitude of times. Therefore, it isn't surprising that pain can occur in them over time. If you believe you may be experiencing Osteoarthritis, give one of our physiotherapists a call today to discuss pain relief.

WHY DOWE EXPERIENCE OSTEOARTHRITIS?

While it is true that osteoarthritis is most common in older folks, that is not always necessarily the case. It is possible that osteoarthritis can present itself in younger adults, especially if they are prone to weak joints, poor dieting, or if they aren't very active. Your cartilage works hard to protect your joints by absorbing the natural shocks that your body experiences a daily basis. Therefore, much of your likelihood regarding osteoarthritis is dependent upon the physical and nutritional lifestyles you partake in. Joint alignment can alter and the muscles around a joint can weaken

over time, causing the cartilage to shift or thin. As cartilage wears down, osteoarthritis becomes much more common.

- · Joint pain.
- Swelling or tenderness in or around the joint(s).
- Inflammation or flare-ups of pain in the joint(s) after use.
- Feeling stiff after sitting or laying down for prolonged periods of time, especially when getting up in the morning.
- Crepitus also referred to as a "cracking or crunching" feeling when moving the joint(s), or the sound of bone rubbing on bone.

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HOW CAN PHYSIOTHERAPY HELP OSTEOARTHRITIS?

According to the American Occupational Therapy Association, 1 in 5 adults are diagnosed with arthritis annually. Physical and occupational therapy are the most common treatments for osteoarthritis, usually helping with the relief of joint pain in just a few sessions. If you have arthritis, don't fret — there is hope! While anti-inflammatory and pain medications will help for the time being, they are very much a short-term solution. Physiotherapy can help in actually strengthening your joints and muscles once again, allowing for a much healthier and long-term pain relief solution. Occupational therapy will also help in learning to use your joints in new ways once again, allowing for the highest quality of life despite the severity of your arthritis.

Our physiotherapists are trained to help you with joint alignment, stability, muscle regeneration, and most importantly, pain relief. They are dedicated to helping you get back to your normal levels of mobility.

Don't settle for a life of aches and pains — physiotherapy can get you back on your feet and doing the activities you used to love! If you are suffering from osteoarthritis, give us a call today — we can get you back to living your best, most pain-free life.



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In fact, shockwaves are actually just high-energy sound waves similar to the ones used in ultrasound technology. "Extracorporeal" just means "outside of the body" and refers to how we administer the treatment.

At Medrehab Group, we use shockwave therapy to help reduce pain, facilitate healing and blood circulation, and minimize inflammation. It can help address pain from tendon injuries, including in the elbow, knee, and shoulders.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING SHOCKWAVE THERAPY

If we determine that shockwave therapy is an appropriate treatment option for you, we'll begin by applying a gel to the affected area, similar to what happens during an ultrasound. The gel ensures the shockwaves effectively transfer to your body without losing energy.

We use a wand to deliver the shockwaves, which work by causing controlled microtrauma to your soft tissue. The body, in turn, responds to this microtrauma by sending more blood to the area, facilitating your body's natural healing process.

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