

SCOPE STATEMENT FOR HERC COVERAGE GUIDANCE

VISCOSUPPLEMENTATION FOR OSTEOARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE

Population description	Adults with osteoarthritis of the knee <i>Population scoping notes: None</i>
Intervention(s)	Viscosupplementation <i>Intervention exclusions: None</i>
Comparator(s)	Physical therapy, home exercise programs, aquatic exercise programs, medications (e.g., NSAIDs, acetaminophen, topical analgesics, opioids, glucosamine, chondroitin), arthroscopic knee procedures, corticosteroid injections, off-loading braces or orthoses, osteotomy, total knee arthroplasty, sham procedures, acupuncture
Outcome(s) (up to five)	Critical: Short-term function, long-term function, utilization of comparators Important: Quality of life, harms <i>Considered but not selected for GRADE Table: Short-term and long-term pain</i>
Key questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the comparative effectiveness of viscosupplementation for osteoarthritis of the knee? 2. Does the comparative effectiveness of viscosupplementation for osteoarthritis of the knee vary by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Severity of osteoarthritis b. Fluoroscopic guidance c. Presence of specific radiographic features d. Response to non-invasive or minimally-invasive treatments e. Age f. Obesity g. Type of viscosupplement h. Baseline functional status 3. What are the harms of viscosupplementation for osteoarthritis of the knee?
Contextual questions	