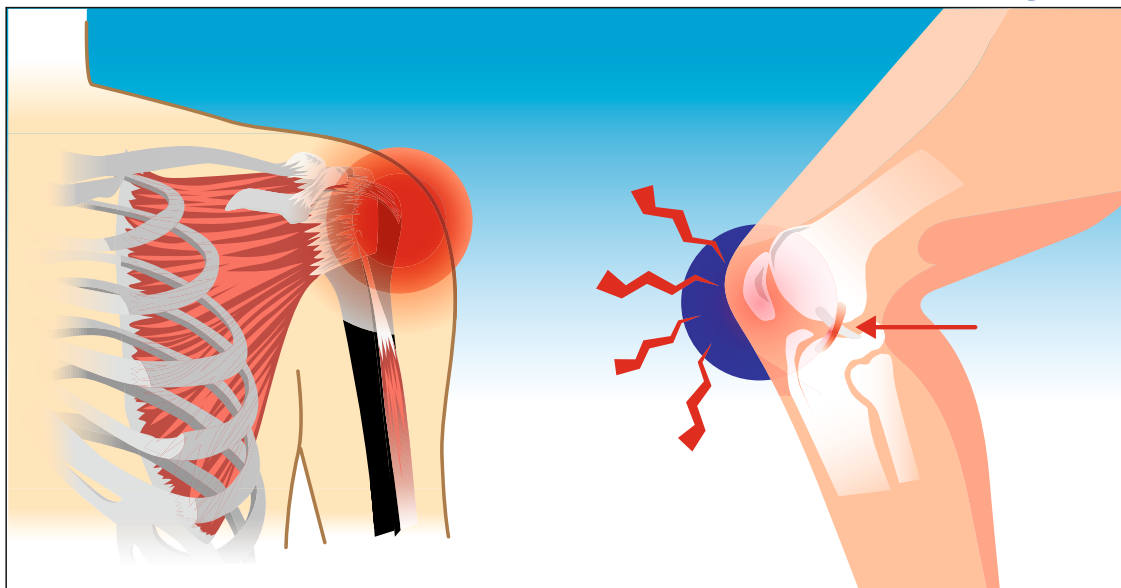


Intraarticular Injection-Rheumatology



1. Intraarticular Injection is a procedure where the affected joint is injected with a hypodermic needle, through which medications are delivered.
2. It is given to treat conditions like gout, tendinitis, bursitis, rheumatoid arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome, psoriatic arthritis and sometimes osteoarthritis.
3. It is also used to remove extra fluid from the joint.
4. The injection usually contains corticosteroids which reduce inflammation.

Possible Risks & Side Effects:

1. Most people have steroid injections without any side effects. They can be a little uncomfortable at the time of injection but many people find that they are not as bad as they had feared. Occasionally people notice a flare up in their joint pain within the first 24 hours after an injection. This usually settles by itself within a couple of days, but taking simple painkillers like paracetamol will help.
2. Injections can occasionally cause some changes in the colour of the skin at the injection site.

Note:

- It is not advisable to have multiple injections in the same site or joint.
- In case of any known allergy to the medication, the injection should not be given. It should also be avoided if there is infection in or around the joint.