

Injection into Bursa

Patient Information

Trauma & Orthopaedics



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What is a bursa?

A bursa is a thin fluid filled sac found near joints and between muscles and soft tissues - its purpose is to minimise friction between the tissues. Large bursa can be found in the shoulder, hip and knee. Sometimes the bursa can become inflamed and swells causing pain, particularly on movement. The cause can be due to arthritis, infection or over use of a particular joint and is known as Bursitis.

The treatment options

Your doctor or health care professional may initially advise you to rest the affected area and prescribe pain relieving medication. Physiotherapy may also be arranged. If these methods of treatment do not improve the pain then a steroid injection into the affected area may be suggested. The injection may take place in the operating theatre, outpatient or x-ray departments, this will be at the discretion of the Consultant's team

Benefits of the Injection

- Pain relief.
- Improvement in movement of the affected joint/limb.

Complications

As with all surgical procedures complications may occur some are minor and in rare cases are serious and can be life threatening.

The risks involved with this procedure include:

- Failure of the procedure to have any beneficial effect
- Increase in pain which can be temporary or permanent
- Numbness of the injection site
- Bleeding or bruising at the injection site
- Allergic reaction

An explanation of the procedure and any risks involved will be discussed with you beforehand. If you are unsure or worried about any part of the treatment please ask a member of the healthcare team.

After the injection

The effect of the injection and how long it lasts may depend on the cause of the bursitis. You should be advised to rest the treated area for up to 48 hours. An appointment to return to the outpatient clinic will be arranged to evaluate your progress.

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



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