

# ACP Therapy

For Mild to Moderate Osteoarthritis  
and Certain Sports Injuries



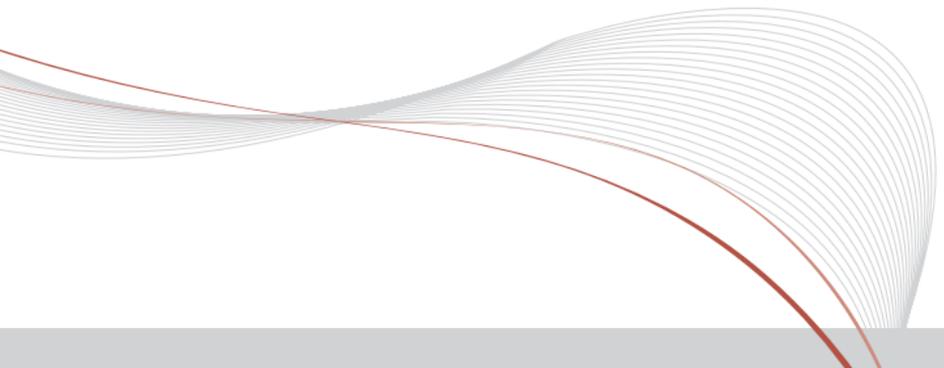
# ACP Therapy – How It Works



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The healing of injured or inflamed tissue involves a complex and precisely regulated series of natural processes within the body. Thrombocytes (platelets) play an important role in this process. At the site of injury they release growth factors that initiate the restoration of injured tissue and inhibit painful inflammatory processes.

ACP therapy is based on our understanding of these processes. With a high concentration of growth factors<sup>7</sup>, it supports the body's self-healing processes.<sup>1-6</sup>



# ACP Therapy for Mild to Moderate Osteoarthritis



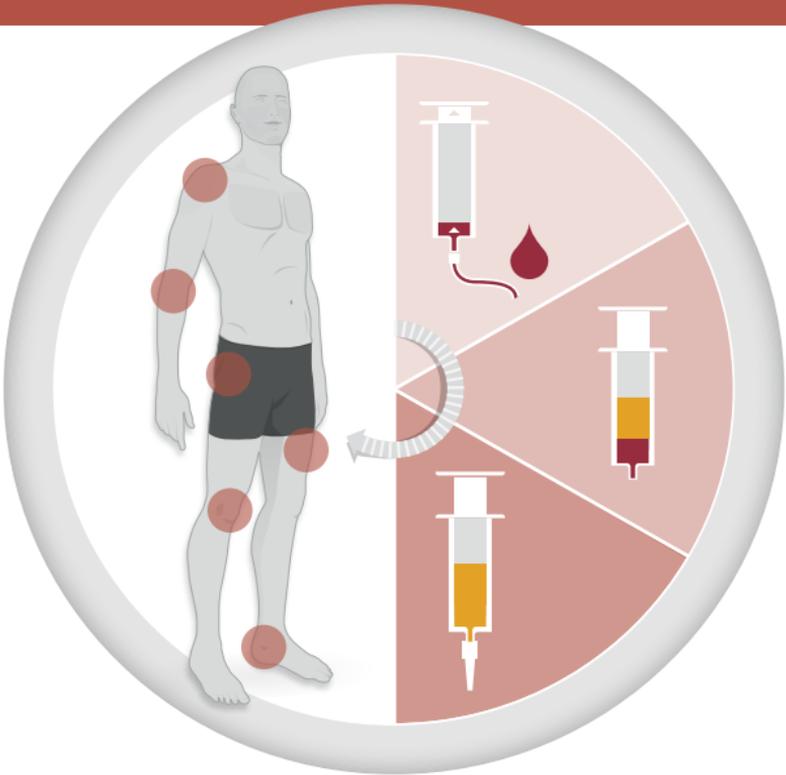
## **More and more people are physically active into advanced age.**

Often, physical activity is restricted by osteoarthritis. Typical symptoms in early osteoarthritis include joint ache and morning stiffness. Another typical symptom is pain after long periods of inactivity that subsides after a short walk. These symptoms are caused by wear and tear of the joint cartilage.

## **When can ACP therapy help?**

ACP therapy can be employed for patients with painful mild to moderate osteoarthritis (grade I-III).<sup>1-3</sup>

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## The treatment process

1. Blood is drawn from a vein in the arm
2. A separation procedure extracts and concentrates the desired body substances<sup>7</sup>
3. These substances are injected into the affected region

## Advantages for the patient

- Outpatient procedure
- Rapid (< 30 min) process
- Biologic substances produced by your own body

Studies into ACP therapy have not reported any undesirable side effects or complications.<sup>1, 5</sup>

# ACP Therapy for Certain Sports Injuries



## **Your opportunity to return to activity faster!**

If you are currently receiving treatment for a ligament, tendon, or muscle injury, ask your doctor about how adjunctive ACP therapy could support the healing process.

## **When can ACP therapy help?**

Studies have confirmed the effectiveness of ACP therapy in epicondylitis (tennis elbow)<sup>4</sup>, patellar tip syndrome (jumper's knee)<sup>6</sup> and plantar fasciitis (calcaneal spurs)<sup>5</sup>.

# Studies

1. Smith PA: Intra-articular Autologous Conditioned Plasma Injections Provide Safe and Efficacious Treatment for Knee Osteoarthritis. *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*. 2016;44(4):884-91
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*Limitations: Low number of cases of OA grade III, non-blind, results limited to six months*
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*Limitations: Lack of control group, significant difference between BMI of both patient groups*
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*Limitations: Retrospective analysis, low number of cases, no randomization, no control group*

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*Limitations: Non-blind, lack of control group*

Opposite view: *Two ultrasound-assisted ACP injections were no more efficient in the treatment of epicondylitis than injections of 0.9% saline solution.*

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5. Chew KT et al: Comparison of autologous conditioned plasma injection, extracorporeal shockwave therapy, and conventional treatment for plantar fasciitis: a randomized trial. *PM&R*. 2013;5(12):1035-43  
*Limitations: Low number of cases, single-blind, differences in patient groups, no follow-up of rehab measures and medication compliance*
6. Zayni R et al: Platelet-rich plasma as a treatment for chronic patellar tendinopathy: comparison of a single versus two consecutive injections. *Muscles Ligaments Tendons Journal*. 2015;5(2):92-8  
*Limitations: Low number of cases, non-blind, no control group, results limited to six months, treatment drop-outs not included in results*
7. Mazzocca A et al: The positive effects of different platelet-rich plasma methods on human muscle, bone, and tendon cells. *The American Journal of Sports Medicine*. 2012;40(8):1742-9  
*Limitations: In vitro study with cell lines*

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### Do you have any questions?

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