Your Weekly Medical Advice

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Osteoarthritis

Osteoarthritis is a degenerative condition resulting from breakdown of joint cartilage over time. It is the most common form of arthritis, commonly occurring in adults over the age of 45 years.

Some of the symptoms of osteoarthritis include joint stiffness, joint pain, muscle weakness, joint instability, reduced range of movement and grinding sensation of affected joints. Risk factors of osteoarthritis include being overweight or obese, family history of osteoarthritis and previous injury or overuse of the joint.

Osteoarthritis is usually diagnosed based on history and clinical examination, however, X-rays may be needed to confirm the diagnosis. Management of osteoarthritis involves performing certain exercises, pain medications and sometimes surgery. It is advisable to see you doctor for a thorough assessment if you suspect you might have arthritis or are experiencing any of the mentioned symptoms.

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