



Make The Bone & Joint Centre (BJC) your preferred musculoskeletal partner. With more than 15 years of experience treating patients with various musculoskeletal conditions. we aim to value-add to your mobility, function and lifestyle,

Maintain An Active Lifestyle Understand Your **Musculoskeletal System**



Bone

The 206 bones in the human body form the skeletal system, which in turn provides support, movement via joints and muscles, protection for internal organs, blood cell production, and storage of minerals like calcium. Conditions that can affect bones include fractures (broken bones) and osteoporosis (brittle bones).



Cartilage

In the joints, hyaline cartilage forms a very low friction, 2-4 mm thick layer that coats the bony surfaces. This allows the bones of the joint to glide over one another during movement.

Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, affecting millions of people worldwide. It occurs when the protective cartilage that cushions the ends of your bones wears down over time.



Ligaments

These are fibrous connective tissues that connect bones to other bones. Injuries to ligaments can cause it to be stretched or tom. This can lead to joint instability.



A joint is a point of articulation between 2 or more bones. They allow for different degrees and types of movement. Occasionally, due to degeneration or wear and tear, a joint may need to be replaced (joint replacement surgery).



Tendons & Muscles

A tendon is a band of fibrous connective tissue that connects muscle to bone. As a muscle contracts, the attached tendon pulls the bone into movement. Inflammation, degeneration or tears of the tendon

can occur, resulting in pain and loss of function.



Meniscus

The meniscus is a crescent-shaped fibrocartilaginous structure that acts as a shock absorber in the knee joint. A torn meniscus can Meniscus cause pain, swelling or locking in the knee.

Maintaining your musculoskeletal health is essential to leading a healthy lifestyle and enjoying quality of life.

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