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Pathology: the science behind the cure



Joint

A joint is the site at which two or more bones come into contact, for example, the knee, elbow or hip. Most joints have a cushion of cartilage to stop the bones from rubbing against each other. As people get older this cartilage can be damaged, causing painful osteoarthritis.

Pathologists sometimes examine fluid from around the joint to look for signs of disease.