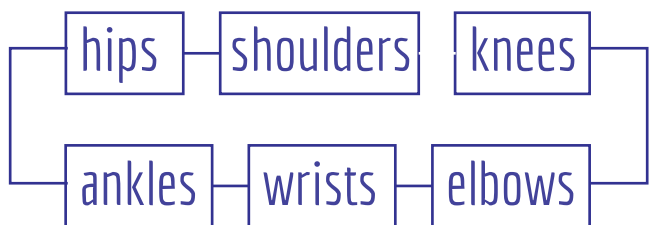


# JOINT ASPIRATION

## What is it?

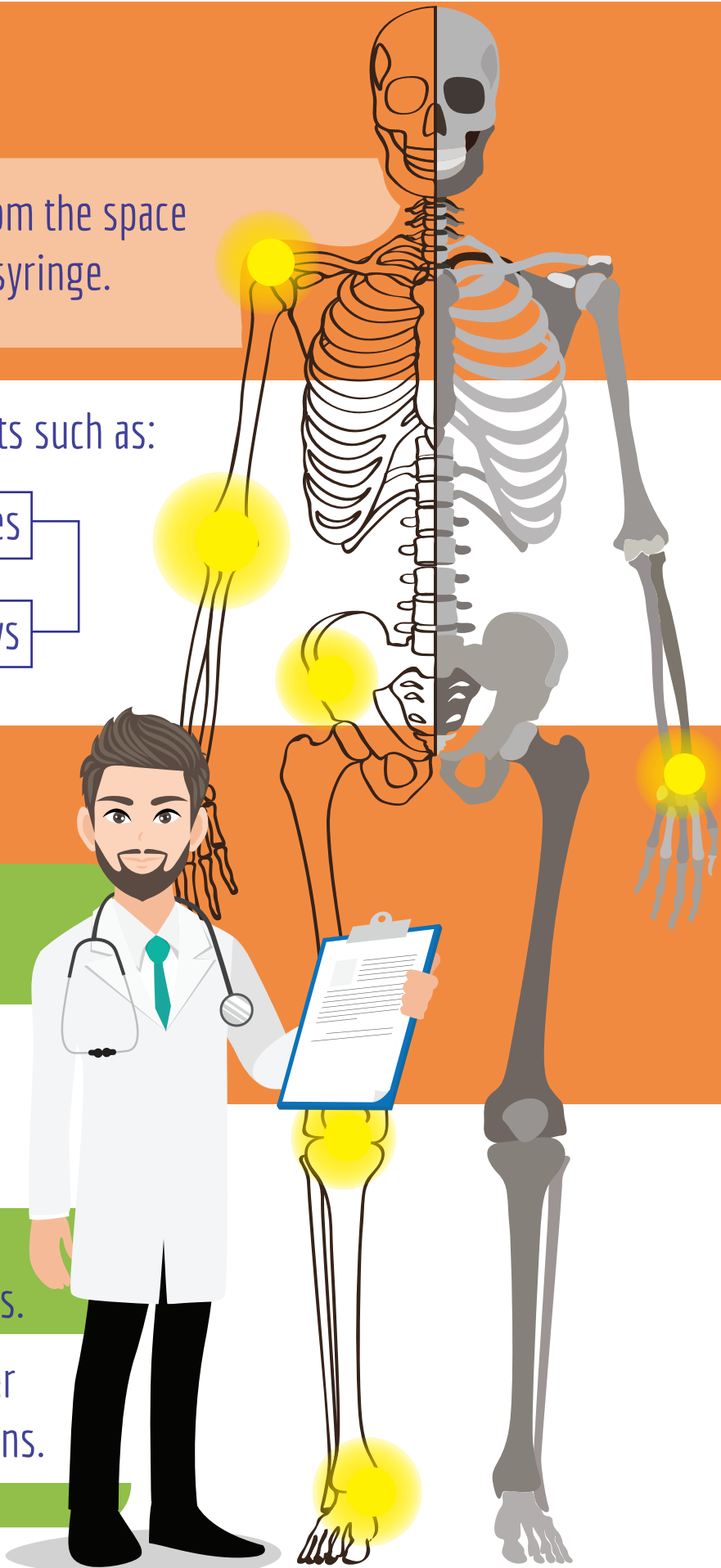
It's a procedure to remove fluid from the space around a joint using a needle and syringe.

It's done to remove fluid from joints such as:



## Things To Do:

- Ask the questions you have from the healthcare provider.
- Sign a form that gives your team permission to perform this procedure
- Inform the healthcare provider if you've any allergies.
- Inform the healthcare provider if you're taking any medications.



# Procedure:

1

-Skin over the joint is examined & cleaned with a special solution.



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-A medication called "anesthetic" will be used to numb your skin. This may feel like a bee sting, but it won't be for very long.

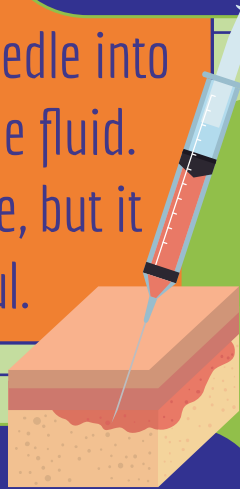
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-We put a different needle into your joint to drain the fluid. You will feel pressure, but it won't be painful.



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-The fluid is removed by drawing it into a syringe that is attached to the needle.



-The needle is removed and a sterile bandage or dressing will be applied.



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-The fluid sample is sent to the lab for testing.

