# Struggling with Knee Pain? Why Getting an X-Ray or MRI Early Can Make All the Difference

Why The Pain Relief Clinic is a highly recommended clinic in Singapore for knee pain and doing MRI scans

**Singapore, Singapore Jul 29, 2025 (Issuewire.com)** - If knee pain has been bothering you for weeks or months, it's time to stop guessing and start diagnosing. Stiffness, swelling, or discomfort when walking or climbing stairs may be more than just "wear and tear." It could be early arthritis, a cartilage tear, or a meniscus injury — and without proper imaging, you won't know.

According to **Arthritis.com.sg**, timely access to <u>X-rays and MRI scans</u> can help patients avoid unnecessary treatments or even delay the need for surgery.

Painkillers and Physiotherapy Alone May Not Be Enough

Many people try home remedies, stretching, braces, or massage. But without an accurate diagnosis, these methods might only mask the symptoms rather than address the root cause.

The real risk? Delaying the right treatment because of an incorrect or incomplete diagnosis.

X-Ray vs. MRI: What's the Difference?

- **X-Rays** are great for identifying arthritis, bone spurs, or fractures.
- MRIs provide detailed views of soft tissues such as meniscus tears, ligament injuries, and cartilage damage — that X-rays can't show.

For chronic or complex knee pain, doctors often recommend **both scans** to build a full picture before deciding on treatment.

Common Concerns About MRI Scans in Singapore

Patients often hesitate to get MRI scans — and for good reason. Here are some common concerns:

## High Costs at Private Centres

- Some clinics charge over \$1,200 for a single knee scan.
- Many patients aren't sure if Medisave or insurance will cover it.

### Long Waiting Times at Public Hospitals

- Appointments through polyclinics may take several weeks to months.
- Results may take additional time, delaying treatment decisions.

#### Lack of Follow-Up Support

- Some imaging centres provide only the scan and report with no one to explain the results or recommend next steps.
- Unclear Process for Payment or Claims

- Patients often face confusion when trying to claim under employer benefits, travel insurance, or accident coverage.

MRI at The Pain Relief Clinic - Prompt, Clear, and Convenient

For patients who want <u>fast, effective access to MRI scans, The Pain Relief Clinic</u> offers a streamlined service designed to eliminate delays and confusion.

- MRI arranged within 1 working day
- **?** Cost from \$950, with no hidden charges
- Medisave-claimable (up to \$300-\$600 depending on scan type)
- [?] Insurance-friendly clinic assists with paperwork for personal accident or corporate claims
- [?] Follow-up consultation included to explain your results
- ? Non-surgical treatment options offered if suitable

Many patients come to The Pain Relief Clinic seeking **second opinions**, or after struggling to get a diagnosis elsewhere. The ability to access **same-day imaging**, **clear advice**, **and tailored treatment planning** sets it apart for those who prefer a non-surgical approach.

Why Early Imaging Helps Avoid Surgery

Contrary to popular belief, not all serious knee pain leads to surgery. Many conditions — including meniscus injuries, ligament sprains, and early arthritis — respond well to **non-invasive treatments** like <u>hotheal therapy</u>, <u>shockwave therapy</u>, and guided rehabilitation.

But you can only take this route if you know what you're dealing with — and that requires a clear scan.

When Should You Get a Scan?

Consider imaging if:

- Pain lasts more than 2 weeks despite treatment
- There's swelling, grinding, or locking
- You've had a fall or injury
- Physiotherapy or medication hasn't helped
- You're unsure if surgery is needed
- You want a clearer diagnosis before spending more on therapy

Pinal Thoughts: Don't Wait Until the Pain Gets Worse

Getting an X-ray or MRI early can help you avoid unnecessary treatments, missed diagnoses, and delayed recovery. Whether you go through your usual doctor or explore private options like **The Pain** 

# Relief Clinic, the most important step is not to wait too long.

Take the guesswork out of knee pain. With the right imaging and guidance, you can move forward with clarity — and start your journey toward relief and recovery.

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