



# Knee swelling

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## Case history

A 48 year old man presented with swelling at the back of his left knee which had appeared 2 weeks previously. He has intermittent pain that interferes with his daily activities. On examination, a soft cystic bulge near the midline at the back of the knee was noted.



## Question 1

What is the diagnosis?

## Question 2

What is the cause of this problem?

## Question 3

What is the treatment?

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## Answer 1

Viral conjunctivitis.

## Answer 2

Adenovirus conjunctivitis is characterised by redness, tearing and a variable degree of photophobia. It is highly contagious for up to 10 days.

## Answer 3

Cultures are unnecessary, as diagnosis is based on clinical evaluation.

## Answer 4

Cold compresses can be applied for patient comfort. Children should stay away from school for 7-10 days. Prophylactic precautions should be observed by the patient's family members and friends.

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