

## UMBILICAL CORD TISSUE-BASED SOLUTIONS

GeneXSTEM™ is a minimally manipulated tissue-based product derived from Wharton’s Jelly of the umbilical cord for homologous use. GeneXSTEM™ is an exciting alternative regenerative medicine therapy and can be used as options to NSAIDs & steroid injections and help assist with pain in musculoskeletal injuries.

Wharton’s Jelly is a gel-like tissue that has unique characteristics of providing structural support, cushioning, and lubrication in the body. Wharton’s Jelly may be preferred over other regenerative medicine tissue-types because it contains a higher concentration of long-chain hyaluronic acid, and growth factors; up to 50 times more.

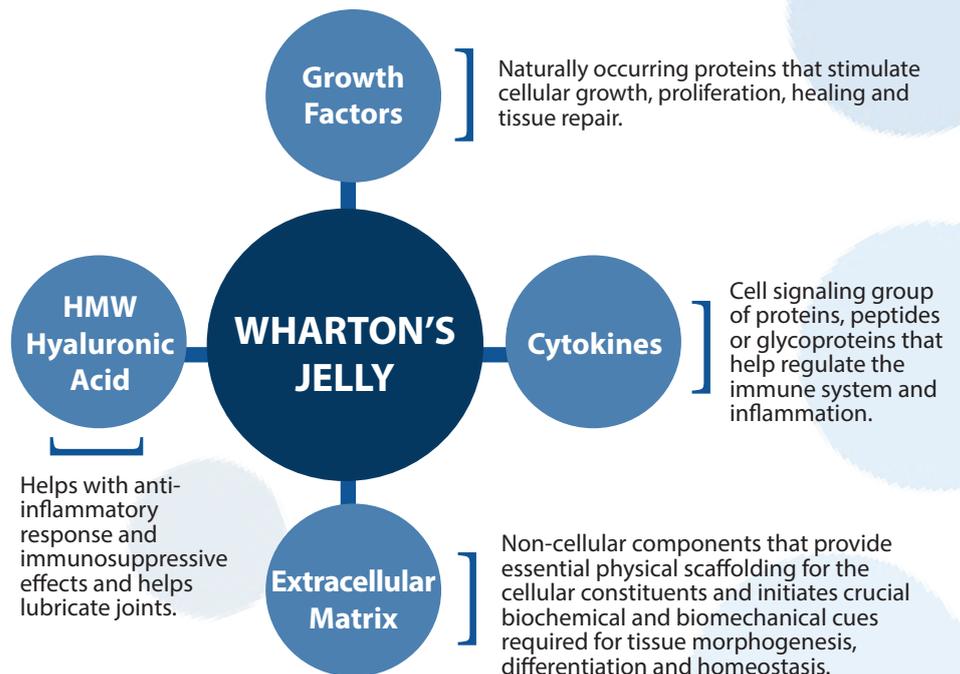
### Common Treatment Areas

- Large joints (Knee, Hip, Shoulder & Ankle)
- Chronic partial rotator cuff tears
- Persistent partial tendon tears (Tennis Elbow)
- Plantar fasciitis / Bone Spurs
- Quadriceps and patellar tendon tears
- Muscular tears
- Meniscus and cartilage tears
- Intervertebral disc, SI and spinal facet joints
- Osteoarthritis



### WHY WHARTON’S JELLY

**WHARTON’S JELLY** has a greater abundance of essential regenerative components than other tissue-types, making it an excellent option for regeneration and to help reduce inflammation.



## GeneXSTEM™ Product Components<sup>1</sup>

### Growth Factors

**IGFBP-3** 24,985.5 pg/ml

Regulates cell growth

**IGFBP-4** 12,302.0 pg/ml

Regulates cell growth

**IGFBP-6** 7,711.1 pg/ml

Regulates cell growth

**IGFBP-2** 6,900.6 pg/ml

Regulates cell growth

**FGF-7** 102.2 pg/ml

Plays important role in regulation of embryonic development, cell proliferation and cell differentiation. Required for normal branching morphogenesis. Possible major paracrine effector of normal epithelial cell proliferation

**EG-VEGF** 32.2 pg/ml

Inhibits Extracellular Matrix degradation

**TGFa** 385.9 pg/ml

Promotes cell proliferation, differentiation, and development

**IGFBP-1** 5,211.4 pg/ml

Regulates cell migration and metabolism

**VEGF** 15.8 pg/ml

Induces proliferation and migration of vascular endothelial cells, essential for both physiological and pathological angiogenesis. Active in vasculogenesis and endothelial cell growth. Promotes cell migration, inhibits apoptosis and induces permeabilization of blood vessels

**PDGF-AA** 31.9 pg/ml

Regulates proliferation and migration of myocytes and supports angiogenesis

**VEGF R3** 16.8 pg/ml

Regulates blood and lymphatic vessel development and homeostasis

**B-NGF** 12.8 pg/ml

Regulates growth and the differentiation of sympathetic and certain sensory neurons

**EGF R** 14.4 pg/ml

Induces cell proliferation

**bFGF** 311.4 pg/ml

Has broad mitogenic and angiogenic activities that have been implicated in diverse biological processes, such as limb and nervous system development, wound healing, and tumor growth

**HGF** 266.6 pg/ml

Potent mitogen for mature parenchymal hepatocyte cells, seems to be a hepatotrophic factor, and acts as a growth factor for a broad spectrum of tissues and cell types

### Anti-Inflammatory

**TNF RI** 191.6 pg/ml

Inhibits TNF- $\alpha$  induced inflammation

**TNF RII** 89.9 pg/ml

Inhibits TNF induced apoptosis

**IL-1ra** 58.8 pg/ml

Inhibits IL1 - $\alpha$  and - $\beta$ , inflammation, pain signaling, and tissue degradation

<sup>1</sup> Definitions and descriptions are from the National Center for Biotechnology Information, US National Library of Medicine. Actual results listed are averages from an independent, multi-batch, multi-sample source of GeneXSTEM™. ELISA assay testing conducted by RayBiotech, Inc. Future numbers may vary depending on batch.

## Abundance of Growth Factors and Cytokines in GeneXSTEM™

Independent testing on the biologic components of GeneXSTEM™ confirm an abundance of cytokines and growth factors that are known to support the body's natural healing and regenerative processes.<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Helps reduce pain signaling and inflammation<sup>2,3</sup>
- ✓ Potential to inhibit tissue degradation stemming from chronic or overproduction of IL-1  $\alpha$ <sup>2,3</sup>
- ✓ Plethora of growth factors associated with regulation of cell growth and migration that support angiogenesis and morphogenesis<sup>4,5,6</sup>
- ✓ Cytokines that play a role in modulating tissue homeostasis, immunomodulation, and signaling that support the natural wound healing cascade<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>

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### Wound Healing

#### GDF-15

89.2 pg/ml

Acts as pleiotropic cytokine and involved in stress response program of cells after cellular injury

#### MCP-1

119.0 pg/ml

Chemotactic factor that attracts monocytes and basophils but not neutrophils or eosinophils

#### G-CSF

91.6 pg/ml

Controls the production, differentiation, and function of granulocytes

#### NT-4

33.0 pg/ml

Neurotrophins that control survival and differentiation of mammalian neurons

#### ICAM-1

1,554.9 pg/ml

Involved in binding of a cell to another cell or to the extracellular matrix with roles in cell proliferation, differentiation, motility, trafficking, apoptosis and tissue architecture



### Regeneration

#### RANTES

551.0 pg/ml

Functions as a chemoattractant for blood monocytes, memory T helper cells and eosinophils. It causes the release of histamine from basophils and activates eosinophils

#### GDNF

19.5 pg/ml

Enhances survival and morphological differentiation of dopaminergic neurons and increases their high-affinity dopamine uptake

#### MIP-1d

44.9 pg/ml

Chemotactic factor that attracts T-cells and monocytes

#### SCF R

40.3 pg/ml

Signals mast cell activation in response to antigens. Regulates their subsequent maturation and homing to the residence sites

#### GH

31.3 pg/ml

Stimulates both the differentiation and proliferation of myoblasts. It also stimulates amino acid uptake and protein synthesis in muscle and other tissues

#### IL-16

8.7 pg/ml

Stimulates a migratory response in lymphocytes, monocytes, and eosinophils

#### MCSF

12.2 pg/ml

Regulates survival, proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic precursor cells (macrophages and monocytes), immunity and inflammatory processes, and the regulation of osteoclast proliferation and differentiation required for normal bone development

#### IL-6R

53.3 pg/ml

Regulates cell growth and differentiation and plays an important role in the immune response.

#### IL-1b

1.3 pg/ml

Mediates inflammatory response, cell proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis



### HMW Hyaluronic Acid

#### HMW HA

23,284 ng/ml

Helps lubricate joints and aids with anti-inflammatory response and immunosuppressive effect.

### Exosomes

#### EXOSOMES

81 billion/ml

Subcellular vesicles that act as intercellular messengers, delivering membrane and cellular proteins, including microRNA, other types of RNA, and mRNA fragments from one cell to another.

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## WHARTON'S JELLY: THE IDEAL TISSUE – TYPE

### REGENERATIVE MEDICINE THERAPIES COMPARISON

PRODUCTS/ COMPONENTS	PLATELET RICH PLASMA	BONE MARROW ASPIRATE	LIPOASPIRATE	AMNIOTIC FLUID	AMNIOTIC MEMBRANE	UMBILICAL CORD WHARTON'S JELLY
MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS (MSC)	-	X	XX	-	-	XXX
CYTOKINES	X	X	X	XXX	XXX	XXX
GROWTH FACTORS	XXX	XX	X	XX	XX	XXX
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX COMPONENTS (ECM)	-	-	-	X	X	XXX
HYALURONIC ACID	-	-	-	X	X	XXX (HMW)

**WHARTON'S JELLY** has more components than other tissue types making it ideal for regenerative purposes.

### Advantages of GeneXSTEM™

1. Less invasive when compared platelet rich plasma (PRP) procedures, bone marrow aspiration, or adipose tissue extraction. No harvesting of tissue is required.
2. Cryopreserved without DMSO, digestive enzymes, or the use of preservative agents.
3. Wharton's Jelly has high concentrations of growth factors and cytokines, which have powerful anti-inflammatory properties. The immunologically privileged status of Wharton's Jelly provides the ability to modulate the immunological responses in allogenic settings.
4. GeneXSTEM™ is processed from donated non-embryonic human tissue from full term, c-section deliveries in accordance with the FDA. GeneXSTEM™ is regulated as a human cell, tissue, or cellular or tissue based product (HCT/P) under 21 CFR Part 1271 and Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act. It is not dependent upon the metabolic activity of living cells for its primary function.
5. GeneXSTEM™ products uphold the highest safety measures which exceed those required by AATB and FDA in order to provide a reliable source of products for physicians and patients.