**What Is It?**

Hyaluronic acid, or HA, is a naturally occurring polymer found in every tissue of the body. It is particularly concentrated in the skin (almost 50% of all HA in the body is found in the skin) and synovial fluid. It is composed of alternating units of N-acetyl-d-glucosamine and d-glucuronate. This polymer’s functions include attracting and retaining water in the extracellular matrix of tissues, in layers of skin, and in synovial fluid.*

**Features Include**

*Clinically Researched Absorption:* In nature, HA is a large molecular weight compound, ranging in size from 500,000-6,000,000 daltons. This is too large to be absorbed in the small intestines. HyaMax® sodium hyaluronate provides a low molecular weight source of hyaluronic acid produced through fermentation. In a pharmacokinetic study, orally administered HyaMax® hyaluronic acid was incorporated into joints, connective tissue and skin, with a particular affinity for cartilaginous joints.*

**Uses For Hyaluronic Acid**

*Skin Health:* For skin cells, the ability of HA to attract and retain water is essential for proper cell-to-cell communication, hydration, nutrient delivery, and waste and toxin elimination. HA also appears to support the skin by promoting healthy turnover and renewal of keratinocytes, moderating the appearance of fine lines and age spots.*

*Joint Health:* For joints, HA is especially supportive of healthy lubrication and shock absorption. Furthermore, in vitro studies indicate that HA modulates prostaglandin production, providing additional support for joint function.*

**What Is The Source?**

Pure Encapsulations Hyaluronic Acid is derived from fermentation. Hypoallergenic plant fiber is derived from pine cellulose.

**Recommendations**

Pure Encapsulations recommends:

Capsule: 1–2 capsules per day, in divided doses, with or between meals.

Liquid: 1-2 servings daily, with or between meals.

**Are There Any Potential Side Effects Or Precautions?**

At this time, there are no known side effects or precautions. If pregnant or lactating, consult your physician before taking this product.