

Found! Another use for condoms... possibly... or not?

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NEWSWATCH: The Independent (UK) reports that some elderly South Africans are using condoms for a different purpose... easing arthritis pain.



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- The Independent: [Elderly South Africans 'rub condoms on their knees to ease arthritis pain'...](#) The publication also reports that the Mpumalanga district health chief Candith Mashego-Dlamini has asked people to stop rubbing the contraceptives on their knees to ease joint pain.

Her call has apparently been echoed by the health minister's representative.

The report quotes her spokesman Ronnie Masilela as saying: "She called on those who were practising to stop as condoms are meant for something other than rubbing knees."

Just one question: Why should they stop?

If it works, or the people doing it *believe* that it works, so what? Let them carry on. They're not hurting anyone, merely easing their own discomfort.

So where's the problem?

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