



Botox Cosmetic

Botox therapy for wrinkles is an injection treatment designed to reduce facial expression lines. Botox is the trade name for botulinum purified protein complex. When tiny amounts of Botox are injected into the facial muscles responsible for movement, those wrinkles directly associated with this muscle movement are diminished by weakening of the muscle. Thus, Botox therapy works for “dynamic” lines and wrinkles, and is less effective for fine textural changes on the skin surface, and for those lines that are present at rest.

Botox therapy is temporary, meaning it will have to be repeated on a regular basis to remain effective. Average results of Botox therapy include 3-6 months of diminished muscle contraction, although there have been reports of 6-12 months of efficacy following a single injection. Individual responses may be longer or shorter depending on the degree of skin damage, depth of lines, the size of the muscle, and the amount of Botox used in the injection. After a Botox injection, the effect gradually begins over several days and is longer after repeated injections.

For maximal results it is recommended that after receiving Botox you maintain an upright posture for at least 2 hours. During this time, do not vigorously rub or massage the treated area. You should actively contract the treated muscles to increase the response of the Botox for 1 hour following the treatment.

There is no known permanent side effect of Botox therapy for wrinkles. Botox therapy has been used throughout the world for wrinkles since 1990, and is considered an extremely safe procedure. There are several temporary side effects which include tenderness and possible bruising at the injection site, transient numbness, transient muscle twitching, and muscle asymmetry which can be treated with touch-up injections. Approximately 1-2% of patients can experience temporary eyebrow or eyelid drooping and/or double vision if the Botox effects the muscles that move the eye and eyelid. This effect usually only lasts up to four weeks. Some patients may be less sensitive to Botox, and for these people the therapy will not work as well as, or as long as, expected.

Contraindications to Botox therapy include pregnancy and breastfeeding, active skin infection in the treated area, neurological diseases like myasthenia gravis, and use of the drug penicillamine.

Alternatives to Botox therapy include: no treatment, topical creams, chemical and laser peels, IPL photo rejuvenation, or a surgical face/brow/eyelid lift.

Insurance does not pay for Botox treatment for wrinkles because it is considered a cosmetic procedure. Payment at time of service is required. The price of Botox therapy depends on the amount of botox injected which varies from person to person.

You may request a price quote prior to treatment which will consist of an estimated range of cost for the site that you wish to be treated, but this quote cannot be exact. We will, of course, do our best to work within your budget.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the above information. My questions have been fully answered to my satisfaction, and I have made an informed decision to treat my wrinkles and lines with Botox therapy. I understand that the practice of Botox therapy for wrinkles and lines is not an exact science, and that results cannot be guaranteed.

**Patient Name**

**First Name:**

**Last Name :**

**Signature**