

Botox Cosmetic® Treatment

What is Botox®?

It is a simple nonsurgical procedure that smoothes the lines between your brows. The natural, purified protein relaxes the muscles that cause wrinkles.

How does Botox® work?

Botox® blocks impulses from the nerve to the tiny facial muscles that are related to expression lines. Botox® relaxes the muscles so they do not contract. After treatment, the overlying skin remains smooth and unwrinkled while the untreated facial muscles contract in a normal fashion, allowing normal facial expression to be unaffected

What is a Botox® procedure like?

It's a simple, 10 minute treatment that consists of a few tiny injections. The practitioner decides exactly where to administer Botox® for the best results.

Is the procedure painful?

Most clients compare the sensation to a bug bite. Overall, the discomfort is minimal and temporary

Is the procedure safe?

Botox® is a natural, purified protein that is administered in very low doses. The effects of Botox® are usually confined to the injected region. It does not travel throughout the body. Botox® injections have been used safely and effectively for over ten years to treat many ophthalmological and neurological disorders. Each year thousands of patients receive Botox® treatments for a variety of conditions.

What results can I expect?

If dynamic wrinkles make you look older than you are, cosmetic denervation can smooth these out and give you a more youthful appearance. However, this procedure can not improve wrinkles due to aging sun-damaged skin since they are unrelated to facial muscle contractions. Botox® injections will not improve sagging skin or replace the need for a facelift or brow lift.

When will I begin to see results?

You should begin to see a significant improvement within a few days.

How long will the effects last?

The effects of Botox® last up to 4 months.

Will I experience any side effects?

It's unlikely that you will develop any significant side effects, but you may notice a slight bruising where Botox® was injected. This is only temporary and can be covered by makeup. The most common side effects are headaches, respiratory infection, flu syndrome, temporary eyelid droop, and nausea. In some cases, the

toxin can migrate and cause a temporary weakness of nearby muscles. Botox® should not be used if there is an infection at the injection site. The risk of any side effect depends on the muscles injected. Your practitioner will discuss this with you in length before your treatment. Because the effects of Botox® are completely reversible, any side effects are temporary, lasting only a few weeks.

Will my facial expression look unnatural?

Although the results are dramatic, it will not radically change your facial appearance. The muscles are simply relaxed, so you can still frown, smile or look surprised without the wrinkles and creases between your brows.

What are the limitations of Botox®?

Botox® injections are a temporary solution for the treatment of dynamic wrinkles. The effects of the injection will last from three to six months. You will need to have injections two to three times a year. The early clinical studies indicate that the duration of treatment benefits is increased over time so that you should require injects less frequently in the future. Also, the duration of the effect varies from patient to patient and may be less effective for those over 65 years of age.

Is Botox® expensive?

Actually, it is quite affordable. In fact, Botox® is one of the least expensive facial aesthetic procedures, ranking 7th in the 9 most widely used procedures in this country.