

BOTOX® Cosmetic **Patient Information**

Nurse Line (8:30am to 5pm)
Emergency After Hours Doctor Line

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What is BOTOX® Cosmetic?

BOTOX® has been used therapeutically for over 16 years to treat a variety of medical conditions. It is approved in more than 75 countries. BOTOX® for therapeutic use remains one of the most widely researched medicines in the world. The same formulation with dosing specific to facial lines was approved in 2002 as BOTOX® Cosmetic.

What is it used for?

It is a purified protein administered in a simple, nonsurgical procedure that temporarily improves the appearance of moderate to severe frown lines, crows feet and forehead wrinkles in people aged 18-65. During treatment, very low doses of BOTOX® Cosmetic are administered via tiny injections directly into the muscles that cause those stubborn lines in key areas of the face. BOTOX® is used to treat any problem where inappropriate muscle contraction is the problem. In the cosmetic world, BOTOX® is used to INDIRECTLY help with wrinkles. Wrinkles are caused by muscle contractions under the skin. Paralyze those muscles and the wrinkles can't happen.

How Many Injections (Doses) are required?

The BOTOX® effects only spread about 1 cm circumference from the point of injection. As such, if the wrinkles are localized to a single region that is about 1 cm in size (i.e., Crow's Feet), only one injection is required. However, if the region to be treated is large (i.e., forehead wrinkles), multiple injections every 1 cm need to be performed for adequate coverage. Larger muscles require a higher dose per injection.

What is the Botox Cosmetic procedure like?

It is a simple, 10-minute treatment for moderate to severe frown lines between the brows, wrinkles on outside of eyes (crows feet), forehead wrinkles, dimpled chin and bands in the neck. Your physician and you will decide where exactly to administer BOTOX® Cosmetic for best results.

Is the procedure painful?

No anesthesia is required and most patients experience minimal and brief discomfort. Cold packs can be used prior to injection help decrease the minor discomfort.

What are the most common side effects?

The most common side effects following injection include muscle soreness at the injection site, temporary eyelid droop and nausea.

When will I start to see results and how long will they last?

You should start to see a visible improvement within a few days. The area may continue to improve for up to a week. BOTOX® treatments last for about 4 months in most patients. It is best to have another treatment before the last wears off so that the changes from the treatment are not evident.

How will BOTOX® Cosmetic affect my facial expressions?

BOTOX® Cosmetic is injected in small doses directly into the muscles that cause the moderate to severe frown lines, allowing that area to smooth out. It will not affect your ability to laugh, smile, or otherwise express yourself.

What does BOTOX® treatment cost?

BOTOX® for Cosmetic use is NOT covered by any health insurance company. Payment is required prior to any injections performed.

BOTOX® Cosmetic is priced based on the number of facial areas treated. Each area costs \$150, if you have all three areas treated the cost is \$450. The areas are: crow's feet, forehead wrinkles and wrinkles between the eyebrows.

How can I find out more about BOTOX® Cosmetic?

Call our office and ask for a consultation with one of our doctors whom performs the procedure.