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NON SURGICAL FACELIFT

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What is BOTOX®?

BOTOX® Cosmetic is a simple, non-surgical, physician-administered treatment that can temporarily smooth moderate to severe frown lines between the brows in people from ages 18 to 65 years of age. Although it is a toxin, ophthalmologists have safely used Botox for over 10 years.

Botox injections temporarily relax the muscles that create wrinkles thereby decreasing the appearance of frown lines and crow's feet. One ten minute treatment-a few tiny injections-and within days there's a noticeable improvement in moderate to severe frown lines between the brows, which can last up to 4 months. Results may vary.

How Glabellar Lines Lines are Formed

Glabellar lines are the forceful wrinkles between the brows caused by the contraction of the corrugator and/or procerus muscles.



A small amount of BOTOX® is injected right into muscles that are responsible for creating these wrinkles. Botox effectively immobilizes the muscles that produce wrinkles, thereby causing lines to disappear or diminish dramatically. BOTOX® is used in extremely small amounts and does not spread throughout the body so you can return to full activity immediately.



What to Expect

Before you schedule your first BOTOX® Cosmetic treatment consultation, you probably have some questions, such as: How long will it take? How long will the results last? Will it hurt? Will I be able to make facial movements and expressions? How much does it cost?

The Day of Your Appointment

Allow ample time before your appointment for filling out forms and for consulting with the doctor or a member of his or her staff. If this will be your first visit, you may first meet with your doctor personally or a staff member. You may also be asked about your expectations for treatment and if you have any allergies or any other condition that will not make you an ideal candidate for BOTOX® Cosmetics.

Before the Procedure

You'll probably be seated in a reclining chair much like you'd find in a dentist's office. There are no anesthetics required, although your practitioner may choose to numb the skin with a cold pack or anesthetic cream.

The Procedure

Your doctor will determine the ideal locations to administer the injections by examining your ability to move certain muscles in your brow, forehead, eye, chin, or mouth area. The entire BOTOX® Cosmetic injection takes approximately ten minutes.

After the Procedure

There is no recovery time needed. When your practitioner is finished with the injections, you're ready to get on with your day! The most common side effects following injection include: temporary eyelid droop and nausea. Localized pain, infection, inflammation, tenderness, swelling, redness, and/or bleeding/bruising may be associated with the injection. Patients with certain neuromuscular disorders such as ALS, myasthenia gravis, or Lambert-Eaton syndrome may be at increased risks of serious side effects.

Seeing Results

Within days, you may notice an improvement. After that you may return for a follow-up injection. Some doctors report that after several treatments, the effects of BOTOX® appear to last longer. Often up to several months. In the moderate to severe frown lines effects can last up to four months. Results may vary.