

Cosmetic Medicine at Caves Beach

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What are Botox Injections?

Botox or Dysport is the trade name for Botulinum Toxin a chemical produced by the bacteria clostridium botuli. Botox treatments involve a series of small injections into the facial muscles. Its most common use in cosmetic medicine is to weaken muscles which are contributing towards the formation of wrinkles in the upper face such as frown lines forehead lines and crow's feet. The reduced facial movement results in a reduction or softening of the wrinkles.

How long does it last?

Weakening of the injected muscles begins to be apparent after 3 days with peak effect being reached at 7-14 days. Results can last between 4-6 months when the procedure can be repeated if desired.

Advantages of Botox

This is an effective non surgical alternative for the treatment of selected facial wrinkling

Risks of Botox Injections

Every procedure involves a certain amount of risk. It is important that you understand the risks involved. Although the majority of patients do not experience these complications it is important we discuss each one to ensure that you understand the risks, potential benefits and consequences of botox injections.

Bleeding, Bruising, Redness and Swelling

This may be evident following injection at the site of the procedure. It is possible though unusual to experience a bleed from the injection site during or after the procedure. Do not take aspirin or anti-inflammatory medications, vitamin E or ginkgo biloba for 10 days before the procedure as this may contribute to a greater risk of bleeding.

Infection

Infection is unusual. Should an infection occur additional treatment including antibiotics may be required.

Unsatisfactory Result

There is the possibility of an unsatisfactory result from the procedure. The procedure may result in unacceptable visible deformities, loss of function and or loss of sensation. You may be disappointed with the results of the procedure.

Allergic Reactions

In rare cases local allergies to the botox preparation has been reported. Systemic reactions which are more serious may also occur. Allergic reactions if these occur may require additional treatment.

Drooping of the Eyelids (Ptosis)

This is uncommon but a transient complication occurring in 2-3 % of patients