

GENERAL AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY

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Consent To Botulinum Toxin "A" Treatment

BOTOX is a neurotoxin produced by the bacterium Clostridium A. Botox can relax the muscles on areas of the face and neck, which cause wrinkles associated with facial expression. Treatment with Botox can cause your facial muscles to be temporarily paralyzed, which improves the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. Botox is diluted to a very concentrated solution and when injected in to the muscles with a very thin needle, is almost painless. Patients may feel a slight burning sensation while the solution is being injected. The procedure takes less than 15 minutes and results last 3-6 months. With repeated treatments, the results may tend to last longer.

Risks and Complications: It has been explained to me that there are certain inherent and potential risks and side effects in any invasive procedure and in this specific instance, such risks include, but are not limited to:

<u>Common side effects of Botox:</u> Dry mouth, discomfort or pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache (especially after first treatment), neck pain, eye problems (which may include double vision, blurred vision, decreased eyesight, drooping eyelids, swelling of the eyelids and dry eyes) and skin infection.

<u>Serious</u>, <u>yet rare side effects</u>: Problems swallowing, speaking or breathing due to the weakening of that associated muscles, can be severe and result in death. You are at the highest risk of these if you have any underlying neurological disorder.

<u>Possible allergies to Botox would include the following symptoms:</u> itching, rash, red itchy welts, wheezing, symptoms of this nature.

PHOTOGRAPHS: I authorize the taking of clinical photographs and their use for scientific purposes both in publications and presentations. I understand my identity will be protected.

PREGNANCY/ALLERGIES: I am not aware that I am pregnant or breastfeeding or have any allergies to the toxin ingredients or to human albumin.

PAYMENT: I understand that this procedure is cosmetic and that payment is my responsibility.

RESULTS: I am aware that when small amounts of purified botulinum (Botox/Dysport) are injected into a muscle, it causes weakness or paralysis of that muscle. This appears in 3-7 days and usually lasts 3-6 months but can shorter or longer. In a very small number of individuals, the injection does not work as satisfactorily or for as long as usual. I understand that the treatment area will be paralyzed and that I will not be able to use those muscles for 3-6 months. I understand that I must stay in the erect posture and that I must not manipulate the area of the injection for the four hour post-injection period.

I hereby voluntarily consent to treatment with Botox injection for the condition known as: Facial Dynamic Wrinkles. This procedure has been explained to me. I have read the above and understand it. My questions have been answered satisfactorily. I accept the risks and complications of the procedure.

Patient Signature	Date	