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Botox Cosmetic Treatment

CONSENT

Indications and alternatives

Botox is a brand name for botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin that blocks messages between muscles and the nerves that control them. The temporary effects of Botulinum Toxin become apparent 2-5 days after injection and generally last for 4-6 months. The FDA as approved the use of Botulinum Toxin to treat facial dystonias (spasms), strabismus (crossed eyes), and to temporarily soften facial rhytids (wrinkles) between the eyebrows. While the FDA has not approved injections to improve the appearance of wrinkles in other areas of the face, physicians may perform these “off-label” procedures. There are alternatives to Botulinum Toxin, including no treatment, or medicines or surgery on facial nerves and muscles.

Risks and Complications include but are not limited to:

1. Bruising
2. Under correction (not enough effect) or overcorrection (too much effect)
3. Facial asymmetry (one side looks different than the other)
4. Paralysis of a nearby muscle leading to: droopy eyelid, double vision ,inability to close eye, difficulty whistling or drinking from a straw
5. Generalized weakness
6. Permanent loss of muscle tone with repeated injection
7. Flu-like symptoms or respiratory infection
8. Nausea or headache
9. Development of antibodies to Botox
10. Botulinum Toxin contains human-derived albumin and carries a theoretic risk of virus transmission. There have been no reports of disease transmission through Botulinum Toxin.

Contraindications

You should not have Botulinum Toxin if: you are pregnant; nursing; allergic to albumin; have an infection, skin condition, or muscle weakness at the site of the injection; or have Eaton-Lambert syndrome, Lou Gehrig’s disease, or myasthenia gravis.

Payment

I understand that this procedure is cosmetic and that payment is my responsibility on the day of the procedure.

I have read and understand the above information. My doctor has answered my questions to my satisfaction and no guarantees about my results have been made. I accept the risks and complications of this procedure.

The nursing staff will have you sign the electronic consent form once you are brought back to your room. Feel free to ask any questions at that time.