



BOTOX® INFORMATION

What is BOTOX®?

Botulinum toxin A, BOTOX®, is a very successful treatment for facial lines and wrinkles. It is derived from bacterial toxin, and acts as a neuromuscular blocking agent. This means that when it is injected directly into a muscle, it prevents activation and contraction of that muscle. It is delivered by injection directly into the facial muscles and works only on the muscles into which it is injected.

What is BOTOX® used for?

BOTOX® is mainly used to relax muscles that cause deep or undesirable skin wrinkles. Most commonly, BOTOX®, is used to soften or freeze the upper facial movement lines, including the frown line, forehead lines and crows feet. In the face, it can also, however, be used in some people to correct facial asymmetry, jaw grinding and migraines, all of which may be caused by excessive muscle action.

BOTOX® is also used for treatment of excessive underarm sweating and is now available under Medicare for this indication for those that qualify. Please ask for further information on this indication.

What does the procedure involve?

BOTOX®, is injected into multiple facial sites using ultra-fine needles. BOTOX®, at Complete Skin Specialists is injected only by trained and experienced injectors that will first assess your facial muscles and skin aging and discuss treatment options with you. The injections are usually very well tolerated. The injections take effect 3-7 days later, and the effect lasts 3-4 months on average. At this point the procedure is repeated if desired. Most patients experience very little discomfort during the procedure.

BOTOX®, can be used in combination with dermal fillers for complete facial rejuvenation.

What are the side effects and risks?

Some people have a slight headache after treatment for several hours; it is safe to take paracetamol to relieve this. A [bruise](#) at the site of injection is possible as is pain or stinging with injections.

The most common significant complication, which is rare, is "[ptosis](#)". This is a drooping of the eyelid caused by the botulinum toxin tracking into the eyelid muscle. This usually resolves in a couple of weeks but can be treated, so please notify us if you are concerned. Similarly BOTOX®, could inadvertently affect other unintended muscles causing unwanted side effects. Risks for your injection sites will be discussed prior to the procedure.

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