

Patient Consent for Botulinum Toxin Injections

I am aware that when a small amount of purified botulinum toxin is injected into a muscle it causes weakness or paralysis of that muscle. This appears in 3-4 days and usually lasts four months but can be shorter or longer. (For example: Frown lines between the eyebrows are due to contraction of a small muscle, the corrugator, beneath the inner part of each eyebrow. Injecting botulinum into this muscle will weaken it causing improvement or disappearance of the frown lines.)

Results and Postoperative Care

1. I understand that I will not be able to move the treated muscles while the injection is effective but that this will reverse itself after a period of months at which time retreatment is appropriate.
2. I understand that I must stay in the erect posture and that I must not manipulate the area of the injection site during the four-hour post-injection period.

Risks and Complications

Botulinum treatment of frown lines can cause minor temporary droop of one eyelid in approximately 2% of injections. This usually lasts 2-3 weeks. Occasional numbness of the forehead lasting 2-3 weeks, bruising and transient headache has occurred. In a very small number of individuals, the injection does not work as satisfactorily or for as long as usual. Injections in to the lower face may cause facial asymmetry lasting up to 6 months.

Photographs

I authorize the taking of clinical photographs for medical records use and will not be used for marketing purposes unless by written permission.

Pregnancy and Neurologic Disease

I am not aware that I am pregnant nor that I have any significant neurologic disease.

Payment

I understand that this is a cosmetic procedure and that payment is my responsibility and expected at time of treatment.

I have read the above and understand it. My questions have been answered satisfactorily by the provider. I accept the risks and complications of the procedure.

Signed

Date

Name

Witness