

wrinkle reduction with botulinum toxin type A

Are there any adverse effects?

In a small number of cases there may be some localised bruising, slight swelling, or redness at the site of the injection. This usually disappears very quickly and can respond to the application of a cool pack to the area. A temporary drooping eyelid has also occurred in some patients. See the manufacturers' information for rare side effects.

Botulinum has been used in thousands of patients over the last fifteen years. It is made in a controlled laboratory environment, highly purified, and administered in tiny quantities. It has an excellent safety profile.

As soon as your treatment is over you can resume normal daily activities.

Do the effects of this treatment look artificial?

No, unlike some surgical facelifts, this kind of treatment is very specific and works only on those muscles that are involved in producing the facial lines that you want to reduce. Other muscles are unaffected and this means that your usual facial expressions remain the same.

How long will the effects of this treatment last?

Initially the improvement that you receive from this treatment will last from 3 to 4 months. You will notice a gradual fading of effect and at this stage you can return for another treatment if you want to. With repeated treatments, the effect lasts longer.



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wrinkle reduction at this practice

Wrinkles and facial lines result from ageing, muscle activity (and over-activity) and your genetic predisposition. In addition, excessive sun exposure, alcohol consumption, emotional and hormonal influences and smoking can also increase the likelihood of wrinkles. Whilst you may be able to reduce or control some of the factors, you cannot influence all factors and that's why we all develop some wrinkles as we age.

This practice can offer professional consultations and treatments to reduce the appearance of facial lines and wrinkles. Our practitioners have knowledge of head and neck anatomy and physiology together with training in the use of cosmetic treatments, which can subtly enhance your appearance to make you look younger.

If you are interested in talking about skin health treatments, please book a consultation appointment. Several staff members at the practice have had treatments and will be happy to talk with you or answer any questions.

Before



After



Before



After



Before



After



What is botulinum toxin?

Botulinum is a substance that is produced by a bacteria; it is then highly refined, purified, diluted and used in therapeutic doses. Botulinum is administered by injecting it into a specific facial muscle where it acts as a muscle relaxant.

Who would benefit from this treatment?

Anyone can benefit from botulinum toxin, both men and women. Botulinum is most effective in improving lines or wrinkles due to facial expressions; for example, worry lines or frown lines on the forehead and between the eyebrows. This is because these lines are usually caused by overactive muscles and the treatment stops these muscles from contracting and causing the wrinkles.

You should not have treatment with botulinum if you are pregnant, breast-feeding, have a neurological disease or a known hypersensitivity to it.

How long does the treatment take?

In most cases the treatment will take between 10 and 20 minutes. Effects will begin to appear very quickly within 48 to 72 hours, although the full extent of the treatment may not be visible for up to 10 days. Approximately two weeks after the first treatment, the effects will be reviewed with your practitioner and any further treatments or top-ups can be discussed.

Is the treatment uncomfortable?

Very tiny needles are used and only small amounts are administered. As a result any discomfort is usually minimal and short-lived, that's why there is no need for local anaesthesia.