

## **BOTOX®**

### ***What is BOTOX®?***

Botox® is a solution that is injected in tiny amounts just under the skin in specific areas of the face to cause certain muscles to relax, thus eliminating lines and wrinkles that cause you to look older or “tired”.

By injecting the solution into a specific facial muscle, only the targeted impulse of that muscle will be blocked, causing a relaxation of the muscle.

This method is used to treat frown lines between the eyebrows and on the bridge of the nose, the squint lines or “crows feet” at the corner of the eyes, the horizontal forehead lines, and lines around the mouth.

### ***Will The Wrinkle Be Gone Forever or Will I Need Further Treatments?***

Because Botox® is non-surgical, the body will eventually restore the treated muscle to their pre-treatment state over a period of 3 to 6 months depending on the individual. With repeated treatments, atrophy (thinning) of the muscles may occur, which usually produces longer lasting results. When the lines begin to reappear, another Botox® treatment will be necessary to maintain the desired results.

### ***Has Botox® Been Tested?***

Botox® has been in use since 1980 for the treatment of strabismus (lazy eye) and blepharospasm (uncontrolled eye blinking). Botox® has been used for hyperfunctional facial lines since 1989. It has been approved by the FDA for use in cosmetic treatments.

### ***How Soon Will I Notice A Difference In My Appearance?***

The results of the Botox® treatment will begin to appear in five to ten days. You’ll notice a slow softening of the appearance of deep wrinkles and more subtle changes in minor lines over this period. Some areas may require a follow-up treatment or collagen (tissue augmentation) injections in order to accomplish the desired outcome.

### ***Are There Any Side Effects?***

While side effects are rare and mild, as with any injection, you may experience temporary swelling, redness, or bruising. To minimize the likelihood of bruising, we ask that you avoid using aspirin (including Anacin, Bufferin, Excedrin, Alka Seltzer, and Percodan) for two weeks prior to your treatment.

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