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Botox/Dysport/Xeomin - After Care Instructions

Overview:

Botox[®] by Allergan, Dysport[®] by Medicis, and Xeomin[®] by Merz are all Botulinum Toxin A products, commonly referred to as “Botox.” The function of a Botox treatment is to diminish the severity of facial wrinkles that are the result of muscle movement over time. The most commonly treated areas are the forehead, glabella (between the eyebrows), and the crow’s feet (smile lines). While it is common for many patients to expect that a single Botox treatment will completely erase their wrinkles, the truth is that this expectation is not realistic. Facial wrinkles will, however, diminish considerably with multiple treatments over time. In some cases, the wrinkles may completely go away, but because the results of Botox are temporary, the wrinkles will return and the treatment will need to be repeated to maintain optimal results.

You may have bruises in the areas treated with Botox. This is normal. It will take up to two weeks for you to experience the full effect of the Botox treatment. Remain patient. It takes time for the muscles to lose strength and the lines to fade following Botox treatments. Movement of lines diminished is OK. The objective of the Botox treatment is to improve the appearance of the lines, not paralyze the muscle. Your benefit comes from continued use of subtle facial expression in that area of your face.

It is best to try to exercise your treated muscles for 1-2 hours after treatment (e.g. practice frowning, raising your eyebrows, or squinting). This helps to work Botox into your muscles. Although thought to help, it will NOT impact your treatment negatively if you forget to do this.

Do NOT rub or massage the treated areas for 4 hours after your treatment. Do NOT practice Yoga or any type of strenuous exercise for 24 hours after treatment. Also, avoid facials or saunas for 24 hours after your treatment. This will minimize the risk of raising your blood pressure and therefore minimize the risk of temporary bruising. It will also minimize the risk of a droop or heavy eyelid. Feel free to shower and go about most other regular daily activities.

Do NOT bend over or lie down for 4 hours after treatment. This is to avoid the risk of pressure on the treated areas (from your pillow) and to avoid the risk of having the area rubbed accidentally or causing a droop.

Be assured that any tiny bumps or marks will go away within a few hours. If you need to apply make-up within 4 hours after your treatment, only use a GENTLE touch to avoid rubbing the treated area.

Results of your treatment may take up to 14 days to take full effect. Please wait until the 14 days has passed before assessing if you are pleased with the result.

Because Botox requires a special technique in order to customize the injections to your individual muscular structure, it is important that your muscle activity recover, BUT that your skin is not creasing to the point from where you started.

Botox is a temporary procedure and at first, you may find that your treatment results will last approximately 3 or 4 months. If you maintain your treatment appointments with the frequency recommended by your doctor, the duration of each treatment result may last longer than 4 months.

Initially our clinic sees patients between the 3-month (12 week) and 4 month (16 week) time period. We are able to create the best clinical results for you during this period. If you allow Botox to wear off completely, it is difficult for the doctor to be able to see how your individual muscles reacted and therefore optimal results for your face can be more difficult to achieve.

Patient Signature

Date