

Botox® Fact Sheet

Benefits:

Botox® is an anti-aging injection treatment that blocks specific nerve impulses which control muscle contractions in the face. The muscles responsible for expression lines are relaxed, thereby preventing wrinkles from forming. The appearance of existing wrinkles, which have developed over the years, can also be improved. Additionally, Botox® can be used to create symmetry when the face has become asymmetric due to certain muscle disorders conditions.

Description of Treatment:

During a Botox® treatment, the area to be injected will be cleansed with alcohol swabs. No anesthetic is necessary. Clients can request a topical anesthetic cream for comfort. The physician may request that specific expressions be made to identify facial muscle contractions and mark near the injection sites with temporary ink. Several quick injections will then be made in the region to be treated.

A typical Botox® treatment takes approximately 10-15 minutes, and most clients return to normal activities directly after the injections

Visible results after a Botox® treatment generally appear 5-10 days after the treatment. The results of a Botox® treatment last an average of 4-6 months. After which, facial appearances will return to pre-treatment shape if additional treatments are not repeated.

Side Effects:

Side effects associated with Botox® are usually temporary, and include local numbness, minor swelling or bruising, and headaches.

Safety:

Botox® Cosmetic was approved in 2002 by the U.S. FDA for treatment of the glabella region (the area between the eyebrows), and in 2004 Botox® received U.S. FDA approval for the treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive perspiration). Be sure to do the research and only use a certified physician or nurse that is experienced in Botulinum type A injections.

Average Cost:

The average cost of Botox® can range \$350-450 per treated area, or approximately \$22 per unit. These prices are greatly affected by the location of the provider and the area treated. National Laser Institute offers this procedure at more the half the retail price, at \$7 to \$11 per unit. For more information on treatment options, contact National Laser Institute at (480) 222-4640 or visit them at www.NLIonline.com/models.