

Botox Injection

Post-Operative Instructions

What are my post-operative instructions?

- Avoid exposing scars to sun for at least 12 months.
- Always use a strong sunblock, if sun exposure is unavoidable (SPF 30 or greater).
- You may wear makeup with sunblock protection.
- Stay out of the sun until redness and bruising subsides (usually 48 hours).
- Patients should avoid aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as Motrin, Advil, St. John's Wart or high doses of Vitamin E supplements, etc for 7 to 14 days prior to injection because these substances can cause increasing bruising or bleeding at the injection site.

What should my activity level be?

- There are no activity restrictions for this treatment.

How should I expect to feel?

- Temporary stinging, throbbing, burning sensation, redness, swelling, bruising, and excess fullness.
- Redness and bruising usually lasts about 48 hours.
- Patients notice a clinical effect between 5 days and 2 weeks following the injection.
- Some diffusion of the toxin occurs. This can cause circular areas of paresis with a radius of 1.5 cm and temporary weakness of nearby muscles.
- In rare cases, there can be a drooping of the eyelid or asymmetry of facial expression.
- The risk of any side effect depends on the muscles injected.

- The effects of Botox are completely reversible; any side effects are temporary, lasting only a few weeks.

How long will it last?

- The benefits of Botox injections usually last 3-6 months and then resolve.

What follow-up care will I receive?

- Follow-up appointment 2 weeks after treatment.
- No activity restrictions.
- No special treatment site care.
- Return visit every 3 months to maintain results.

When should I call my doctor?

- If you have increased swelling or bruising.
- If swelling and redness persist after a few days.
- If you have severe or increased pain.
- If you have any side effects to medications; such as, rash, nausea, headache, vomiting.
- If you have an oral temperature over 100.4 degrees.

Who should I call if I have questions?

- (734) 998-6022, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- After hours and on weekends, call Hospital Paging at (734) 936-6267 and ask for the Plastic Surgeon on call

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