



PATIENT _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PHONE _____

The purpose of this informed consent form is to provide written information regarding the risks, benefits and alternatives of the procedure named above. This material serves as a supplement to the discussion you have with your healthcare provider. It is important that you fully understand this information, so please read this document thoroughly. If you have any questions regarding the procedure, ask your healthcare professional prior to signing the consent form.

THE TREATMENT

Botox is a brand name for botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin produced by the bacterium Clostridium A, that blocks messages between muscles and the nerves that control them. The effects of Botox become apparent 2-5 days after injection and can last 3-5 months. The FDA has approved the use of Botox to treat facial dystonias (spasms), strabismus (crossed eyes) and to temporarily soften facial rhytids (wrinkles) between the eyebrows. While the FDA has not approved injections to improve the appearance of wrinkles in other areas of the face, providers perform these "off-label" procedures. Treatment with Botox can cause your facial expression lines or wrinkles to be less noticeable. Areas most frequently treated are: a) glabellar area of frown lines, located between the eyes; b) crow's feet (lateral areas of the eyes); and c) forehead wrinkles. Patients may feel a slight burning sensation while the solution is being injected. There are alternatives to Botox, including no treatment or medicine or surgery on facial nerves and muscles. Each person's body reacts differently. The effect of the injection may not be exactly the same every time.

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RISKS AND COMPLICATIONS

Before undergoing this procedure, understanding the risks is essential. No procedure is completely risk-free. The following risks may occur, but there may be unforeseen risks and risks that are not included on this list. Some of these risks, if they occur, may necessitate hospitalization, and/or extended outpatient therapy to permit adequate treatment. It has been explained to me that there are certain inherent and potential risks and side effects in any invasive procedure and in this specific instance such risks include but are not limited to:

1. Post treatment discomfort, swelling, redness, and bruising
2. Undercorrection (not enough effect) or overcorrection (too much effect). Reduction or loss of forehead facial animation due to muscle weakness.
3. Facial asymmetry (one side looks different than the other)
4. Paralysis of a nearby muscle leading to: droopy eyelid (3%), double vision, inability to close eye, difficulty whistling or drinking from a straw
5. Generalized weakness
6. Permanent loss of muscle tone with repeated injection
7. Flu-like syndrome or respiratory infection
8. Nausea or headache
9. Development of antibodies to Botox so that it is not effective
10. Post treatment bacterial, and/or fungal infection requiring further treatment
11. Allergic reaction
12. Botox contains human-derived albumin and carries a theoretic risk of virus transmission. There have been no reports of disease transmission because of Botox

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