



When you smile, laugh, frown, or look puzzled, you contract the muscles of your face. Over time, these contractions produce permanent furrows and deep wrinkles in the skin, especially around the eyes and mouth, between the eyebrows, and on the forehead. These lines can make you look older, sad, angry or tired. BOTOX Cosmetic treatments can not only prevent you from deepening these lines during natural facial movements, they can also erase these marks of aging, leaving you looking younger and more refreshed.

What can BOTOX treatments do for me?

BOTOX Cosmetic is the most popular cosmetic procedure in the country and one of our most requested services. Quick, safe and effective, BOTOX reduces or eliminates facial lines and wrinkles for up to six months with no downtime and little to no discomfort. Through a series of tiny injections, BOTOX gives you a rejuvenated look by smoothing crow's feet beneath the eyes, frown lines between the eyebrows, horizontal lines across the forehead, worry lines around the mouth, and lines on the neck.

In addition to smoothing out fine lines and wrinkles, BOTOX may be useful for treating migraine headaches, excessive sweating, chronic back and jaw pain, and muscle spasms.

How BOTOX Cosmetic Works

BOTOX is the brand name for botulinum toxic A, a therapeutic muscle-relaxing agent derived from the bacteria Clostridium Botulinum. Originally approved by the FDA for the treatment of eye muscle spasms, BOTOX was quickly recognized for its cosmetic value.

Physicians have been using BOTOX Cosmetic for years as a treatment to correct visible signs of stress and aging. The medication relaxes the muscles in the face that cause wrinkles. When injected in small doses into specific areas, BOTOX injections block nerve muscles responsible for the repetitive actions that cause fine lines and wrinkles. In this way, BOTOX smoothes the lines in the skin that make you look tired or angry.

Candidates for BOTOX

A good candidate for BOTOX treatment may be anyone looking to enhance their appearance by getting rid of unwanted lines or wrinkles. It is also important that patients seeking treatment with BOTOX Cosmetic are in good physical health, are not pregnant or nursing, and do not have a neuromuscular disorder.

Men and women considering BOTOX treatment should have realistic expectations of what the procedure can do. You should discuss the desired results with Dr. Welsh to ensure that your goals can be achieved.

The BOTOX Procedure

Using a very fine needle, Dr. Welsh will inject BOTOX Cosmetic into designated muscles in your face that are causing lines and wrinkles. You may experience brief, mild discomfort during the injection, but you can be assured that the treatment is very safe and effective. Taking only a few minutes, BOTOX treatment requires no anesthetic and recovery is immediate, allowing you to return to work and resume your normal daily activities that same day.

BOTOX Cosmetic Results

Immediately following the BOTOX treatment, some patients may experience mild bruising, which will go away shortly. You will see your wrinkles begin to fade within 24 hours, with continued improvement over the next 5 days. The effects of BOTOX Cosmetic typically last up to four months, although many have reported results lasting up to a full year. After several BOTOX treatments, the results may be prolonged.

BOTOX Cosmetic treatment will relax the muscles in your face and soften the skin, giving you a more relaxed and youthful appearance. For optimum results, many patients choose to use BOTOX in conjunction with a facelift, skin rejuvenation therapy, and/or laser skin resurfacing.

Risks and Side Effects of BOTOX

Side effects of BOTOX Cosmetic are rare and are usually mild and temporary. The most common side effects caused by BOTOX are headaches and temporary redness or bruising of the skin at the site of injection. In rare cases, slight drooping of an eyelid or asymmetry of expression may occur. Any risk of complication can be reduced by choosing a qualified and experienced physician.

The Importance of Choosing a Qualified Physician

Even though BOTOX is not a surgical procedure, it is very important to choose a highly experienced and qualified physician when deciding to undergo BOTOX treatments. Doctors who are less familiar with the technique could leave you looking "frozen" or perpetually surprised. Dr. Welsh is intimately familiar with BOTOX Cosmetic, having successfully treated hundreds of patients at her office. Not only that, she also takes the time to talk with each candidate before beginning the injections to find out what he or she wants to achieve and to determine how best to correct their problem area(s), so patients can be happy again with their smoother, younger-looking faces.

To learn more about BOTOX® Cosmetic and to find out if treatment is right for you, please [Contact Us](#)