

Patient Information on Botox[®] Cosmetic and Dysport[®]

Botox[®] and Dysport[®] injections reversibly paralyze select facial muscles that cause frown lines, “crow’s feet”, and forehead creases.

Results can be seen as soon as 3-7 days, and last between 3 and 4 months.

Candidates for this procedure **should not:**

- Have taken aspirin or anti-inflammatory medication within the 5 last days. Coumadin patients are more likely to bruise.
- Have a personal or family history of neuromuscular disorders such as ALS (Lou Gherig’s disease), muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, etc.
- Be on aminoglycoside antibiotics such as gentamicin, tobramycin, etc. (Including eye drops).
- Be pregnant or breastfeeding.

Possible **side effects** of this procedure include:

- Discomfort, bruising, inflammation, swelling, and redness at the injection site for a couple of days. (Avoid aspirin and ibuprofen unless directed to take by your MD).
- Less than 3% of the time, patients may develop ptosis (droopy eyelid) which can last for up to 4 weeks.
- Rarely, double vision or a droopy eyebrow may occur.
- Headache- Rare
- A skin rash, upper respiratory infection, and or flu like symptoms may develop.- Rare

Following this procedure:

- Avoid sunbathing and cold outdoor activities.
- Avoid laying down for 4 hours after procedure.
- Tylenol (acetaminophen) can be used for discomfort.
- Icing the area will help with discomfort and swelling.
- Over the counter Arnica tablets can be used as needed to decrease bruising.

Call The Skin Center at Southgate Medical Group with any questions or concerns at **712-1050**.