

BOTOX INFORMED CONSENT

I, _____, understand that I will be injected with Botox in the area of the glabella muscles or in the forehead or crows feet around the lateral area of the eyes. Injection of Botox into the small muscles causes those specific muscles to halt their function (be paralyzed), thereby improving the appearance of the wrinkles. I understand the goal is to decrease the wrinkles in the treated area. This paralysis is temporary, and re-injection is necessary within three to four months. It has been explained to me that other temporary and more permanent treatments are available. The possible side effects of Botox include but are not limited to:

1. I understand there is a risk of swelling, rash, headache, local numbness and/or pain at the injection site, bruising, flu like symptoms, and an allergic reaction to Botox. Rarely respiratory problems may occur.

2. Infection: Infections can occur which in most cases are easily treatable but in rare cases a permanent scarring in the area can occur.

3. Most people have lightly swollen pinkish bumps at the injection site for a couple of hours or even several days.

4. Bruising is possible anytime you inject a needle into the skin. This bruising can last from several hours to weeks. In rare cases there can be discoloration due to bruising.

5. While local weakness of the injected muscles is expected, weakness of adjacent muscles may occur as a result of the spread of the medication.

6. Treatments: I understand more than one injection may be needed.

7. Another risk when injecting Botox around the eyes included corneal exposure because people may not be able to blink. This inability to protect the eye has been associated with damage to the eye as impaired vision, or double vision, which is usually temporary. There are medications that can help lift the eyelid, however, if the drooping is too great the eye drops are not that effective. These side effects can last for several weeks or longer. This occurs in a small percent of patients.

8. I will follow all aftercare instructions as it is crucial I do so for healing. As Botox is not an exact science, there might be an uneven appearance of the face with some muscles more affected by the Botox than others. In most cases this uneven appearance can be corrected by injecting Botox in the same or nearby muscles. However in some cases this uneven appearance can persist for several weeks or months. This list is not meant to be inclusive of all possible risks associated with Botox as there are both known and unknown side effects associated with any medication or procedure. Botox should not be administered to a pregnant or nursing woman. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing informed consent and agree to the treatment with its associated risks. I hereby give consent to perform this and all subsequent Botox treatments with the above understood. I hereby release the doctor, the person injecting the Botox and the facility from liability associated with this procedure.

Client's Name (Please Print): _____

Date _____

Signature _____