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BOTULINUM TREATMENT INFORMATION

Many people are bothered by the appearance of horizontal lines over the forehead, vertical lines between the eyebrows (frown lines) and lines around the eyes (crowsfeet). For those who want to significantly improve these lines there is an effective treatment known as Botulinum Cosmetic Treatment (Botox®, Xeomin®, Dysport®) *Botulinum Toxin Type A*, is a natural purified protein, or neuromuscular endotoxin, which is injected in the site where hyper-functional muscles cause facial lines to form. This simply and effective treatment causes temporary paralysis of the muscles in the injection site areas allowing the facial lines to smooth out significantly for 3 to 6 months. This therapy is considered very safe. The amounts injected for cosmetic use are very small. The benefit is temporary, lasting 3 to 6 months, at which time re-injection may be done.

Treatment takes between 10 to 15 minutes depending on how many areas are being treated. Injection of Botulinum Cosmetic causes minimal discomfort. Following treatment there may be some redness and swelling which usually resolves in less than an hour. You may return to your regular activities immediately after the appointment, but we prefer you limit aerobic or activities that cause you head to be lower than your shoulders until the next day. You may experience some tingling in the area. The desired effects usually begin in 48-72 hours following treatment, but may take up to 10 days for paralysis to be fully in force.

As mentioned above, treatment is not permanent but with re-treatments can be maintained. If a line or wrinkle persists 2 weeks after a treatment please give our office a call. This may be due to a crease created in the skin caused by that "chronic muscle hyper-functioning". Other treatment options may need to be discussed to help resolve these persistent wrinkles.