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M A R K E T R A S E N

Botox or Botulinum Toxin Type-A

Explanation of Possible Side Effects

The side effects detailed below are not necessarily a list of what will happen to you. Different people react to Botox or Botulinum Toxin in different ways. You may experience all or none of these effects. However, all of the effects listed are temporary and will diminish with time.

Botox or Botulinum Toxin treatment involves injecting a very small amount of the substance into the muscles of the face, which relaxes these muscles so they don't contract and therefore don't crease the skin (wrinkle).

- As the treatment involves injections, you may experience some localised bruising, slight swelling or redness around the treated area and slight tenderness around the injection points. This will normally disappear within a few hours.
- The effect of the treatment will not be apparent for approximately 4-5 days. It will be at its most effective after about 2-3 weeks.
- A very small number of patients may experience eyelid ptosis (drooping) or a feeling of heaviness over the eyebrows. This can last for a few weeks, but the risk of this can be drastically reduced by following the aftercare instructions.
- The treated area may feel different e.g. if your forehead has been treated, you will find it difficult to frown (which is the desired effect of the treatment). Some lip treatments may make the lips feel different, so sealing lips around a straw or sipping from a glass may take some practice.

- Some patients experience headaches, nausea and flu-like symptoms, but these disappear within a few days.
- Different brands of Botulinum Toxin contain products from different sources – some may be from animal sources. If you have particular religious beliefs or dietary restrictions, discuss which brand of material will be best for you with your practitioner.
- Allergy to Botulinum Toxin is extremely rare. In some cases patients become resistant to the material which means its effects are reduced. Alternatives are available in these cases.
- You should not have treatment if you are pregnant, breast-feeding, have a neurological disease or have a known hypersensitivity to Botulinum Toxin.

**IF ANY SIDE EFFECTS PERSIST,
CONTACT YOUR PRACTITIONER IMMEDIATELY**

