

INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF FACIAL LINES/WRINKLES WITH BOTOX COSMETIC

You have the right to be informed about your skin condition and treatment so that you can make the decision whether or not to undergo the procedure after knowing the risks and benefits involved. This information is not meant to alarm you but to better inform you so that you may give or withhold your consent for the treatment of your cosmetic condition as well as held you formulate additional questions which may not have been covered in consultation.

Diagnosis: facial lines and/or wrinkles caused by aging, heredity, gravity, sun damage, muscle action, smoking or other factors, or a desire to sculpt the face by altering the contraction of targeted muscles. Muscles of facial expression can cause and worsen lines and wrinkles by intentionally making an expression. I request treatment with Botox Cosmetic in one, two or all of the following areas: forehead lines, frown lines, lower eyelid and/or crow's feet.

The injection of Botox Cosmetic for this purpose has been explained to me and my questions regarding such treatment, it alternatives, (such as dermabrasion, chemical peeling, laser resurfacing, dermal filler injections, face-lifting, brow lifting and other surgery, Retin-A, Renova or alpha hydroxyl acids) its complications and risks have been answered by the doctor or his/her representative. The information given to me has been in clear terms and I understand the risks and complications of the treatments. I understand the FDA has approved Botox Cosmetic for the glabellar region, crow's feet and forehead and that injection into any area than the glabella, forehead and crow's feet area are considered off-label use.

The treatment plan is to inject a small amount of Botox Cosmetic, a purified neurotoxin produced by the Clostridium bacteria into a targeted facial muscle to intentionally produce weakness or temporary paralysis of that muscle. This results in the relaxation of the muscle and improvement of the lines and wrinkles that the targeted muscle action produced or improved contour of the face. The response is usually seen in 2 to 6 days after injection. It is common for the muscle's action with it associated wrinkles to return in 3 to 6 months.

Repeat injections are necessary to maintain its effects. I understand that lines and wrinkles present at rest may not improve with treatment with Botox Cosmetic alone, since Botox Cosmetic is designed to treat lines caused by facial muscle action. Although results are frequently dramatic, as high as 10% of patients may not respond to these treatments for unknown reasons. I understand that the practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science and that no guarantees can be made concerning expected results in my case.

Repeated sessions may be necessary in certain muscle groups to obtain desired results. A charge will be made for each treatment session. Larger muscle groups require more Botox Cosmetic and larger charges will be made according to the number of units of Botox Cosmetic used. I may plan for multiple treatment sessions in the future, which are completely at my discretion as to the number, extent or amount. I understand that this is a cosmetic procedure and I will be completely responsible for all the charges at the time of the treatment. I understand that fewer facial expressions will be possible after my injections with Botox.

I understand that I should stay upright and not lie down for 4 hours after injections. I will not massage the injected sites for at least 24 hours. I will contract the injected muscles for 1 hour after injection.

Side effects of Botox Cosmetic may include but are not limited to headache, bruising, pain during injection, asymmetry, twitching, and numbness and in a small number of cases, drooping of eyelids or eyebrows. The injection may not work for as long or as well as expected. I am not pregnant, nursing or have any neurological diseases. If taking Amino glycoside antibiotics, Penicillin, or Quinine, I understand that these medications may potentiate the effect of Botox Cosmetics.

I give permission for photographs taken of all treatment sites to be used to document the medical record, teaching purposes, and illustration of scientific papers or for use in lectures. My name shall not be used in such publications. I agree to follow up in approx. 2 week intervals to assess my status and to report any problem that I may be having and to be seen by injector at that time.

My questions have been fully answered and I have read or have had read to me this document, have not taken any medications which may impair my mental ability, do not feel rushed or under pressure and understand its contents. I hereby give my unrestricted informed consent for the procedure.

PATIENT SIGNATURE:	DATE:
INJECTOR SIGNATURE:	DATE:
SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN:	