

Botulinum (A) Toxin brand names may include, but are not limited to: Botox®, Vistabel®, Dysport®, Azzalure®, Xeomin®, and Jeuveau®

*I understand that I will receive **Botulinum Toxin (A) Aesthetic Injections** to weaken or paralyze the intended muscles. This aesthetic treatment is intended to temporarily reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles on the surface of my skin. **initials:** _____*

Botulinum Toxin (A) aesthetic neuromodulator injections come in a variety of formulations/brand names, including: OnabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®, Vistabel®), AbobotulinumtoxinA (Dysport®, Azzalure®), PrabotulinumtoxinA-xvfs (Jeuveau®), and IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin®, Bocouture®). These aesthetic neuromodulator injections are a safe and non-invasive aesthetic treatment primarily used to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. Nerves release acetylcholine, a chemical messenger that attaches to muscle receptors and causes the muscle to contract. Neuromodulators block the transmission of these nerve signals, thereby temporarily weakening or paralyzing the treated muscle so that it no longer contracts or tightens. This action temporarily softens the appearance of wrinkles and fine lines.

What To Expect: Your treatment provider will begin by ensuring treatment areas are clean and free of make-up. Using fine needles, your provider will inject your aesthetic neuromodulator into pre-determined treatment area muscles. **You may experience** a slight stinging sensation while each injection is taking place. **There is no expected downtime** with botulinum toxin treatment. **Multiple treatments may be needed** to achieve desired results depending on treatment goals and current skin condition. **Results are temporary** and maintenance treatments may be necessary to maintain desired results.

*I understand the general treatment goal is to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles and that repeated treatments may be necessary in order to achieve/maintain desired results. **initials:** _____*

General Side Effects: I understand there is a risk of headache, swelling, local numbness, pain at the injection site, bruising, allergic reaction, or irritation of the skin may occur.

Infection: Infection is extremely rare after Botulinum Toxin (A) injection. Should an infection occur, additional treatment including antibiotics may be necessary.

Bleeding/Bruising: It is possible, though unusual, to have a bleeding episode from a Botulinum Toxin (A) injection. Bruising in soft tissues may occur. Should you develop post-injection bleeding, it may require emergency treatment or surgery. Aspirin, anti-inflammatory medications, platelet inhibitors, anticoagulants, Vitamin E, ginkgo biloba, and other "herbs / homeopathic remedies" may contribute to a greater risk of a bleeding problem. Do not take these for ten days before or after Botulinum Toxin (A) injections.

Headache: Although many people with chronic headaches or migraines often get relief from Botulinum Toxin (A), a small percentage of patients get headaches following treatment with Botulinum A Toxin for the first day. In a very small percentage of patients these headaches can persist for several days or weeks.

Migration of Botulinum Toxin (A): While local weakness of the injected muscles is representative of the expected pharmacological action of Botulinum Toxin (A), weakness of adjacent muscles may occur as a result of the spread of the toxin, including to eyelid area, which could cause drooping of eyelid (ptosis) and double vision.

Dry Eye: Individuals who normally have dry eyes may be advised to use special caution in considering Botulinum Toxin (A) injections around the eyelid region.

Corneal Exposure: Some patients experience difficulties closing their eyelids after Botulinum Toxin (A) injections and problems may occur in the cornea due to dryness. Should this rare complication occur, additional treatments, protective eye drops, contact lenses, or surgery may be necessary.

Neuromuscular Disorders: Patients with peripheral motor neuropathic disorders (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, motor neuropathies) may be at greater risk of clinically significant side effects from Botulinum Toxin (A) Injections.

Allergic Reactions: As with all biologic products, allergic and systemic anaphylactic reactions may occur. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.

*This list is not meant to be inclusive of all possible risks associated with Botulinum Toxin (A) treatments, as there are both known- and unknown- side effects associated with any medication or procedure. I have read and understand possible risks, side effects, and complications. **initials:** _____*

Alternative forms of treatment include no treatment whatsoever. Surgical intervention may include: blepharoplasty, face or brow lift. Non-surgical intervention may include: chemical peels, lasers, dermal fillers, or other aesthetic treatments. Every procedure involves a level of risk. An individual's choice to undergo a procedure is based on the comparison of the risk to the potential benefit. Although most patients do not experience adverse complications, you should discuss your concerns and potential risks with your treatment provider in order to make an informed decision. **initials:** _____

Botulinum Toxin (A) Treatment is not recommended for those who:

- have active cold sores, bacterial infection, fungal infection, active acne, or rashes in treatment area
- have malignancies or suspected malignancies of the skin or had radiation/chemotherapy within the last year
- are pregnant or breastfeeding
- have uncontrolled hypertension, hypotension, or diabetes
- have myasthenia gravis
- have a tendency to keloid scarring
- have severe facial nerve damage
- have had recent facial surgery

*I have read and understand the contraindications to treatment and affirm that I do not have any of the aforementioned conditions and have disclosed pertinent medical history to my treatment provider. **initials:** _____*

I acknowledge that I have been informed about the risks and treatment limitations associated with Botulinum Toxin (A) Injections. I accept full financial responsibility for this treatment and agree to pay the service fee in full. I understand treatment outcomes are not guaranteed and there are no refunds or account credits granted for this service in the event I am not satisfied with the treatment outcome or results.

I hereby give consent to perform Botulinum Toxin (A) Treatment, with all aforementioned understood by me. I hereby release the supervising MD, medical practitioner performing the Botulinum Toxin (A) Treatment, and Pure Aesthetica from liability associated with this procedure.

☆ **Photo documentation will be taken. I hereby DO DO NOT authorize the use of my photos for teaching purposes.**

Printed Patient Name

Patient Signature

Date

Printed Medical Practitioner Name

Medical Practitioner Signature

Date