

Botox Post-Treatment Instructions

Please review and adhere to the following post-treatment guidelines in preparation for your Botox appointment. The following restrictions are in place to minimize the risk of any potential complications.

- Do not raise your body temperature for 4 hours following treatment (no exercise, hot tubs, saunas, being out in the sun, etc.) It takes 2-4 hours for the toxin to bind to the nerve in order to start working and an increase in internal body temperature or sweating can make the neurotoxin treatment ineffective.
- Avoid touching or manipulating the treated areas for 4 hours. In addition, do not lie down within this time frame. We want the neurotoxin to stay in the muscles that it was specifically placed to avoid poor outcomes like a dropped eyebrow or eyelid. This also includes no facials, chemical peels, or massages after treatment.
- Avoid wearing hats, visors, headbands or anything on the head that has the potential to move the neurotoxin.
- It will take about 24 hours for all of the injection sites to heal. To avoid infection, avoid wearing makeup on the day of the treatment. The face can be washed like normal at night (at least 4 hours post-treatment).
- Neurotoxin treatments typically start to take effect around 2-10 days, but everyone is different. Please give the neurotoxin a full **2 weeks** to take effect before deciding if you need more. Don't love it or hate it for 2 weeks!
- Be sure to schedule a 2-week follow-up appointment so the doctor can assess your results and perform any enhancements if needed. It is not recommended to inject beyond 2 weeks post-treatment, so please ensure that you keep this appointment.
- Neurotoxin appointments should be scheduled every 3-4 months to maintain the best results.

Pre and Post-Care Instructions for Dermal Filler

Pre-Treatment Considerations:

- Schedule your injection at a time when minor swelling or bruising will not disrupt your social obligations. Each time you are treated, outcomes may vary.
- To lessen the likelihood of bleeding or bruising, discontinue use of blood thinning products for 10 days prior to treatment, if approved by your primary care provider. This includes: aspirin, ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil), naproxen, Aleve, fish oil, St. John's Wort, flax, Vitamin E, Vitamin D, garlic, Ginkgo Biloba, ginseng, etc. Alcohol is also to be avoided 24 hours pre- and post-treatment, as it is a blood thinner. You can consider taking Arnica Montana natural supplement to help bruising (take 5 tablets three times per day starting one week prior to treatment).
- Please notify your provider if you have any history of cold sores, as we will consider pre-medicating with an antiviral prescription prior to injections. Cancel your appointment if you have any open sores in the treatment area. *It is important that you alert us of any medical conditions you may have and/or any prescribed medications you are taking prior to your treatment.*
- Any injection introduces the risk for infection. For this reason, the following is taken into consideration when proceeding with injections. We will delay injectables if you:
 - Have had any infection, cold, virus, or flu in the past 30 days.
 - Have had any dental procedures in the past 30 days or are anticipating dental procedures or cleanings in the next 30 days.
 - Have had a surgical procedure in the past 30 days or are anticipating a surgery or procedure.
 - Have had any immunizations in the past 30 days or if you're anticipating immunizations.
 - Have had any tattooing or permanent makeup within the past 30 days.
 - Take any immunosuppressive/injectable medications (ex: Biologics such as Humira, Skyrizi, Stelara, Enbrel, Taltz, Cosentyx, Temfya).
 - Additional contradictions: Pregnancy, breastfeeding, allergies to components of dermal fillers, open sores in areas to be treated.

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- Swelling, bruising, tenderness, numbness, and areas of firm nodules may occur.
- Cosmetic fillers are long lasting, but not permanent. Longevity depends on the areas treated and your body's metabolism.
- DO NOT APPLY ANYTHING TO THE SKIN UNTIL THE DAY AFTER TREATMENT: No cleanser, moisturizer, or make up.
- DO NOT massage, touch, or manipulate the injection site. Avoid heavy exercise the day of your treatment.
- Ice packs may be used to the treated area during the first 12 hours. Ice for 15 minutes on every hour.
- Avoid dental work for 30 days after filler injections.
- Avoid sleeping on your side or stomach for 24 hours post-treatment to prevent dispersing the product. We recommend you sleep elevated on your back and use pillows to stabilize yourself.
- If experiencing swelling, sleep with head elevated for 2-3 days to decrease swelling.
- You may take acetaminophen/Tylenol if you experience any mild tenderness or discomfort.
- Wait a minimum of four weeks (or as directed by your provider) before receiving any skin care or laser treatments.
- For most patients, the benefits of dermal fillers can be enhanced by using a medical-grade skincare system. Please contact your provider or a member of the staff for product recommendations.
- If you experience bruising, Arnica Montana natural supplement can be taken to help bruising to resolve at a faster rate; take 5 tablets three times per day (this can be started 1 week prior to injections).
- ***If you experience any of the following symptoms, contact our office immediately:
dusky or white discoloration of injected areas, mottling or unusual bruising, severe or increasing pain, redness, increasing warmth or coolness to touch, severe swelling, itching, blisters, difficulty swallowing or smiling, fever, or chills. If you notice onset of any of these symptoms, call our office immediately at 301-663-7733.***