

Consent for Use of Botox

Botox is a brand name for botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin that blocks messages between muscles and the nerves that control them. The effects of Botox become apparent 2-5 days after injection. The FDA has approved the use of Botox to treat facial dystonias (spasms) and strabismus (crossed eyes). While Botox is widely used cosmetically to treat facial wrinkles, this is not an FDA-approved application of this product.

Unwanted side effects of Botox include but are not limited to:

- Bruising
- Undercorrection
- Overcorrection
- Facial asymmetry (one side looks different than the other)
- Paralysis of a nearby muscle leading to: droopy eyelid, double vision, inability to close eye, difficulty whistling or drinking from a straw
- Generalized weakness
- Permanent loss of muscle tone with repeated injection
- Flu-like syndrome
- Development of antibodies to Botox

If you are pregnant, nursing or are allergic to albumin, you should not receive injections. Patients with Eaton-Lambert syndrome or myasthenia gravis should also not have Botox.

We thank you for choosing our office to provide your eyecare needs.

I understand the above and have had all my questions answered. I hereby give my informed consent for Botox injections by Dr. Fountain

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