

## 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 and generally last for 4-6 months. The FDA has approved the use of Botox to treat facial dystonias (spasms), strabismus (crossed eyes) and to soften facial rhytids (wrinkles). There may be alternatives to Botox® including medicines or surgery on my facial nerves and muscles.

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

- Headache
- Bruising
- Under correction (not enough effect) or over correction (too much effect)
- Facial asymmetry (one side looks different than the other)
- Paralysis of unintended 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®

Botox® contains human-derived albumin and carries a theoretic risk of virus transmission. There have been no reports of disease transmission through Botox®. If you are pregnant, nursing or are allergic to albumin, you should **not** receive injections. Patients with Eaton-Lambert syndrome, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or myasthenia gravis should also **not** have Botox®.

Thank you for choosing Ophthalmology Partners, Ltd. to provide your eye care needs.

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I understand the above and have had the risks, benefits and alternatives explained to me. I give my informed consent for Botox® injections today as well as future treatments as needed.

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Signature

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Date