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INFORMED CONSENT FOR BOTULINUM TOXIN



I, understand that I will be injected by Dr.....

in the following areas:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Botulinum toxin** is a processed, purified and sterile product. Once the diluted toxin is injected, it produces a temporary paralysis of muscle by preventing transmission of nerve impulses to muscle. Treatment with botulinum toxin can cause your facial expression lines or wrinkles to be less noticeable or essentially disappear. The duration of muscle paralysis generally lasts for approximately three to four months. Botulinum toxin is also used to reduce abnormal sweating. Injections are customized for every patient, depending on his or her particular needs. The effect takes up to three weeks to be fully established.
- **It is important to tell your doctor about any neurological disease, pregnancy, lactation (nursing), medications and history of allergies.**

RISKS AND POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:

- **Bruising, redness, swelling, pain** at the injection site, **allergic reaction**, and **raised bumps** of skin. These symptoms are usually mild and typically last a few days.
- **Asymmetry**: The human face and eyelid region is normally asymmetrical with respect to structural anatomy and function. Although we try to adjust this asymmetry, there can be a variation from one side to the other in the response to injections.
- **Drooping Eyelid (Ptosis)**: Muscles that raise the eyelid may be affected by botulinum toxin that may migrate downward from other injection areas. This is rare and may be treated with eye drops.
- Occasional **numbness of the forehead; transient headache** that may last 2-3 weeks.
- **Antibodies** to botulinum toxin are very rare and may reduce the effectiveness of this material in subsequent injections.
- Unsatisfactory Result: There is a very low possibility of a poor or inadequate response from injections. Additional botulinum toxin or dermal filler injections may be necessary. Additional treatments may be needed to improve the result. A check-up visit is recommended after two weeks.

This list is not meant to be inclusive of all possible risks associated with injections of botulinum toxin as there are both known and unknown side effects associated with any medication or procedure.

It is important that you read the above information carefully and have all of your questions answered before signing the consent.

Patient's name: Patient's signature: Date:/...../.....

Physician's name: Staff Member: Date:/...../.....