

Frequently Asked Questions

Botox FAQs

Q: What are Botox injections?

A: Botox injections are injections of the cosmetic form of the botulinum toxin, which inhibits neuromuscular activity. Botox can be injected into areas of the face to improve the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.

Q: Who is the best candidate for Botox?

A: The best candidate for Botox is a physically healthy man or woman with realistic expectations and interested in temporarily reducing the appearance of facial lines and wrinkles. Botox injections are particularly beneficial for patients not interested in undergoing surgery.

Q: Where are Botox procedures performed?

A: Botox procedures are usually performed in a surgeon's office.

Q: Is anesthesia used for the Botox procedure?

A: Anesthesia is typically not used with Botox injections.

Q: How long does the procedure last?

A: The Botox procedure can take anywhere from a few minutes to an hour to complete.

Q: Is Botox a painful procedure?

A: Though patients may experience a temporary burning sensation, the procedure is typically a painless one.

Q: What is the recovery like after Botox injections?

A: Botox injections typically involve little or no downtime and patients are usually able to immediately resume their normal activities.

Q: Are there any risks or complications of Botox?

A: There are few complications associated with Botox, though a very small percentage of patients may experience no improve. Otherwise patients may, during injection, experience some local numbness or a burning sensation, swelling, or bruising.

Q: Does insurance ever cover the cost of Botox injections?

A: When performed solely for cosmetic purposes, Botox injections are typically not covered by insurance. If there is some medical purpose to the procedure, coverage may be available to some degree and patients should check with their own insurance carrier.

Q: Can Botox injections be financed?

A: Financing is available for many plastic surgery procedures and your surgeon should be able to give you more information.

Q: How long do the results of Botox last?

A: The results of Botox are not permanent. For most patients, the results last three to four months though some patients may experience results lasting up to six months.

