

BOTOX COSMETIC™ FAQs

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1. What is Botox Cosmetic™?

BOTOX Cosmetic™ is an injectable treatment derived from a purified protein. It is manufactured under strict quality control standards and is administered in extremely dilute dosages.

2. How is Botox Cosmetic™ used?

A tiny amount of BOTOX Cosmetic is injected into the muscle that creates the dynamic wrinkle. When BOTOX Cosmetic is injected into a muscle, it blocks the nerve impulse from reaching that area, and as a result, the muscle relaxes. As the muscle relaxes, the dynamic wrinkle overlying the muscle is smoothed away.

Botox Cosmetic™ can be used to smooth out wrinkles on many different areas of the face. The most common areas treated are the glabellar lines (or frown lines), forehead wrinkles, and crow's feet (side of eyes) wrinkles. Botox Cosmetic™ can be used in many ways in the face to treat wrinkle lines and creases and an experienced injector will be able provide you with the best results.

3. Will Botox Cosmetic™ give me a fake, frozen look?

Not if you are treated by an experienced doctor or nurse who will be able to determine the right dose and injection technique for you. The treatment only relaxes the muscle beneath the frown line at the injection site, so the other elements of facial expression remain active. It also has no effect on the sensory nerves, so you will have normal feeling in the treated areas.

4. How long do the effects of Botox Cosmetic™ treatment last?

The effects of a BOTOX Cosmetic treatment usually last three to four months, at which time another injection is required. After several treatments, the effects of BOTOX Cosmetic may begin to last longer.

5. Are Botox Cosmetic™ treatments safe?

Yes! BOTOX has been licensed in Canada since 1990 as a safe and effective treatment for a number of disorders caused by overactive muscles, including in children as young as 2 years old to treat cerebral palsy. In 2001, Health Canada approved BOTOX Cosmetic for wrinkle therapy and it has been proven to be very safe through extensive

research and testing. In the amounts used for wrinkle therapy, the most common side effects, such as bruising, are temporary and localized to the area of injection.

6. Can anyone get Botox Cosmetic™ treatments?

There are very few restrictions regarding BOTOX Cosmetic treatments. Patients who are pregnant or nursing, or have a neurologic disease should not be treated. Patients should discuss at a Consultation if BOTOX Cosmetic treatments are appropriate.

7. What is the treatment like?

A tiny amount of BOTOX Cosmetic is injected, very precisely, into the muscles being treated. Because the needle is so fine and only a small amount of liquid is used, the discomfort associated with the injection is minimal. Most patients compare the sensation to a bug bite. No sedation or local anesthetic is required, and you can resume normal activities immediately. Some people experience slight temporary bruising at the injection site which can be easily covered with make-up.

8. How much does Botox Cosmetic™ cost?

Botox Cosmetic™ is priced per unit injected. The price per unit at Laser Away is \$10-11 per unit. The amount of Botox™ units you will need can be determined at your consultation.

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