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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTOX

#### What to Expect:

- You can expect to have some minimal effects 3-5 days post treatment. You may experience a headache for a short period of time post-treatment, this should resolve shortly.
- The temporary effects of Botox will begin 2-5 days after treatment, peak at 14-21 days and generally lasts about 3-5 months.

## Do's and Don'ts to Botox:

Do: Facial exercises in the area of treatment for the first hour post-treatment and Wear sunscreen.

Don't: lie down for four hours after treatment, massage the injection sites, work out for 24 hours after treatment, have a facial for the first 2 days post-treatment, sit in the sun for the first 2 days post-treatment.

#### **Notice:**

- Botox contains human-derived albumin and carries a theoretic risk of virus transmission. There have been no reports of disease transmission through Botox.
- You should not have Botox if: You are pregnant, nursing, have an infection, skin condition, or muscle weakness at the site of injection, or if you have Eaton-Lambert Syndrome, Lou Gehrig's Disease or myasthenia gravis.
- Your initial results may appear over or under treated or asymmetries may appear in the first week or two, THIS WILL NORMALIZE BY TWO WEEKS POST TREATMENT.
- Side effects of Botox include: bruising, under-correction (not enough effect) or over-correction (too much effect), 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 or respiratory infection, nausea or headache, or development of antibodies to Botox.

## **Botox touch-ups:**

If you are unhappy in any way with the effects of your Botox treatment, please return to our office between 14-21 days after treatment to discuss your results and possible re-treatment. If you cannot return to the office during this time period please contact the office. Botox touch-ups will not be done prior to 14 days post treatment.

Call the office if any of the following develop: new redness, swelling or pain after the initial 24 hours post procedure **OR** if at anytime you develop hives, rash or skin discolouration.

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