



Consent for the use of Botox

Botox is a brand name for botulinum toxin type A, a neurotoxin that blocks messages between the muscle and the nerves that control them. The effects of Botox become apparent 2-5 days after injection and generally last 3-4 months. The FDA has approved the use of Botox to treat facial dystonias (spasm), 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:

- Bruising
- Undercorrection (not enough effect) or overcorrection (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 injections
- Flu-like symptoms
- 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 allergic to albumin, you should **not** receive injections. Patients with Eaton-Lambert syndrome, Lou Gehrig's disease or myasthenia gravis should **not** have Botox.

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.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Physician Signature _____ Date _____