



## Fact Sheet

### Treatment - Botox

#### ***What is Botox?***

This treatment is a revolutionary wrinkle reduction procedure that can reduce or eliminate wrinkles in the upper third of the face including forehead lines, frown lines between the eyebrows and crows feet around the eyes. It is not surgery. There is no chance of scarring. It is safe and you can resume all your activities immediately after treatment.

A type of protein is used that weakens and inactivates muscles that wrinkle the skin. Initially used in 1973 to relax overactive eye muscles that cause “crossed eyes” and facial tics, it has since gained popularity to treat a number of muscular diseases and for use as a cosmetic agent. Although widely used for cosmetic purposes, Botox is not registered for such use at the moment. Botox is made in the USA and during the manufacturing process an animal source of protein is used.

When this solution is injected in extremely small doses directly into a specific muscle, it blocks the signals from the brain from reaching the muscle. As the muscle weakens, the skin overlying the muscle relaxes and the wrinkles caused by muscle contractions soften and often disappear.

Since the protein in the solution is only attracted to muscles, it has no effect on the central nervous system or on the body.

#### ***How does the treatment work?***

It is a safe and simple procedure. A very small amount of the solution is injected with a very fine needle into several locations in the face. The pain associated with injections is mild to moderate and no local anaesthetic is required. You will be able to drive and engage in all of your usual daily activities immediately after your injections. You will develop slight bruising at the injection sites, but otherwise there will be no visible signs of your treatment.

Unfortunately, this kind of treatment is not a permanent solution to the problem of dynamic wrinkles because the injections only last about 3 to 4 months. You will need to repeat injections 3 to 4 times a year. You cannot be breast-feeding or pregnant when receiving Botox treatment. You must inform any medical practitioner who may prescribe you medication, about the procedure for up to 3 months after treatment. After treatment you should not massage the area for 72 hours.

In the case of using Botox for wrinkle reduction, rarely, medication can migrate and cause a weakness of nearby muscles, such as drooping of the upper eyelid. These side effects are temporary, lasting for a few weeks at most.

Initial Consultation with Clinic Doctor	£60.00
Initial Consultation with Consultant Dermatologist	£95.00
Glabella (Frown Line)	£100 - 155.00
Crows Feet	£155 – 200.00
Whole Forehead	£200 – 210.00
Glabella & Crows feet	£260 – 300.00
Forehead, Crows Feet & Glabella	£360 – 500.00