



Botox® Cosmetic



What is Botox® Cosmetic?

Botox® Cosmetic is an FDA-approved nonsurgical, physician-administered treatment that can temporarily smooth facial wrinkles and furrows.

How does it work?

Botox® Cosmetic is a purified protein produced by the Clostridium botulinum bacterium, which reduces the activity of the muscles that cause lines to form over time.

- See results in days
- 3.5 million procedures performed each year

How popular is the procedure?

The American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery ranked Botox® Cosmetic as the most popular physician-administered aesthetic procedure in the United States for the fourth year in a row (surgical and nonsurgical combined). Today, there are over 3.5 million procedures performed each year.

Why is it offered by eye doctors?

Botox was developed by an eye doctor in 1973 with the purpose of controlling muscle spasms for uncontrolled blinking. It is only natural that ophthalmologists use it today for other treatment methods.

What can I expect the day of my visit?

Before the procedure you'll be seated in a reclining chair. Your doctor will

numb the area with an anesthetic cream and will make the injections. The entire procedure takes about 10 minutes.

What about after the procedure?

There's no recovery time needed. You're ready to get on with your day!

How quickly will I see results?

Within days, you should see a marked improvement in the moderate to severe lines. Lines continue to improve for up to a month, and results can last for up to three to four months. In clinical trials, nearly 90% of men and women rated the improvement in their appearance as moderate to better one month after treatment.

Are there any side effects?

The most common side effects following injection include temporary eyelid droop and nausea. Localized discomfort, infection, inflammation, tenderness, swelling, redness, and/or bleeding/bruising may be associated with the injection. Patients with certain neuromuscular disorders such as ALS, myasthenia gravis, or Lambert-Eaton syndrome may be at risk for more serious side effects. For more details, ask for our Botox® Cosmetic Informed Consent form or visit the Botox website at www.botoxcosmetic.com.

How often can I have treatments?

If you're pleased with the results of Botox Cosmetic, you'll probably want to get on a treatment schedule. You can

receive injections every three to four months to help you maintain the results.

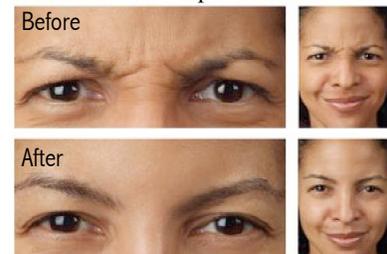
If you discontinue treatment, the lines will gradually reappear.

Is Botox Cosmetic affordable?

The procedure is very affordable. According to an American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery survey, Botox® Cosmetic is one of the low-entry-cost facial aesthetic procedures in the US.

Do you offer any financing options?

Yes. Carolina Eye Associates offers the services of CareCredit, North America's leading patient payment program. CareCredit offers several payment options including the popular 3 and 6 month no-interest plans.



What is my next step?

Your next step to younger-looking skin is a phone call away. **Call us at 910.295.1501 or 800.733.9355** to schedule a consultation or for more information on Botox treatment and other aesthetic options offered at Carolina Eye Associates.

