Chemodenervation (Botox) Injection of Salivary Glands



What is **Chemodenervation Injection?**

Chemodenervation injection is a procedure done to help someone who has a large amount oral secretions (drooling). A special doctor called an Interventional Radiologist uses image guidance (ultrasound) to inject Botox into salivary glands with a small needle.

Things to Note After the Procedure:

- Pain: You may have some discomfort after the procedure. You can take over-the-counter pain medicine approved by your primary doctor. If you are in the hospital, ask your doctor for pain medicine.
- Facial nerve

 Submandibular gland
- Activity: Don't do any intense physical activity for 24 hours.
- **Hygiene:** You can take a shower the day after the procedure or when the dressing is removed.
- Going Back to School or Work: You may go back to school or work the next day.
- **Follow-up:** You may start to see results in 3 days. The full effects of the treatment are seen at 2 to 3 weeks. Results last about 3 to 6 months. You may need to come back for more treatments to continue seeing effects.

Dressing Care:

- Keep the dressing on for 24 hours after the procedure.
- Take off the dressing after 24 hours.

Return to the Emergency Department (ED) if:

- Your pain gets worse even after taking over-the-counter pain medicine.
- The area gets more red, swollen, or starts to leak fluid (pus or blood).
- You start shaking with chills or have a fever higher than 101 F (38.5 C).
- You have a hard time breathing.

Interventional Radiology Contact Information:

• For non-emergent questions: Please call (323) 361- 2436 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

• For emergencies:

Please go to the nearest emergency room.