

Patient Information Handouts

3A. Botulinum Toxin Cosmetic Treatments

Before Treatment

- Avoid aspirin (e.g., Excedrin), vitamin E, St. John's wort, and other dietary supplements including ginkgo, evening primrose oil, garlic, feverfew, and ginseng for 2 weeks.
- Avoid ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin) and alcohol for 2 days.
- If possible, come to your appointment with a cleanly washed face.

After Treatment

- Do not massage the treated areas on the day of treatment.
- Avoid lying down for 4 hours immediately after treatment.
- Avoid applying heat to the treated area on the day of treatment.
- Avoid activities that cause facial flushing on the day of treatment, including consuming alcohol, hot tub or sauna use, exercising, and tanning.
- Gently apply a cool compress or wrapped ice pack to the treated areas for 15 minutes every few hours as needed to reduce discomfort, swelling, or bruising up to a few days after treatment. If bruising occurs, it typically resolves within 7–10 days.
- After treatment, oral consumption and/or topical application of *Arnica montana* may help to reduce bruising and swelling.
- Botulinum toxin treatment effects take about 1–2 weeks to fully develop and last approximately 2.5–4 months.
- If 1–2 weeks after treatment you feel that you require a touch-up, please contact the office.

3B. Botulinum Toxin Treatment of Underarm Sweating

Before Treatment

- Avoid aspirin (e.g., Excedrin), vitamin E, St. John's wort, and other dietary supplements including ginkgo, evening primrose oil, garlic, feverfew, and ginseng for 2 weeks.
- Avoid ibuprofen (e.g., Advil, Motrin) and alcohol for 2 days.
- Shave underarms and do not use over-the-counter deodorants or antiperspirants for 24 hours before your appointment.

After Treatment

- You may have temporary purple discoloration of the skin after treatment (because of the iodine-starch test), which will wash off over 1–2 days with regular showering/bathing.
- Do not massage the treated areas on the day of treatment.
- Avoid applying heat to the treated area on the day of treatment.
- Avoid activities that cause flushing on the day of treatment, including hot tub or sauna use, exercising, and tanning.
- Gently apply a cool compress or wrapped ice pack to the treated areas for 15 minutes every few hours as needed to reduce discomfort, swelling, or bruising up to a few days after treatment. If bruising occurs, it typically resolves within 7–10 days.
- After treatment, oral consumption and/or topical application of *Arnica montana* may help to reduce bruising and swelling.
- Botulinum toxin treatment effects take about 1–2 weeks to fully develop and last approximately 6 months.
- If 2 weeks after treatment you feel that you require a touch-up, please contact the office.