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Botox Informed Consent Form

Botulinum Toxin type A, marketed under the name Botox, is the only treatment for temporarily reducing crow's feet, frown lines and moderate to severe lines on the forehead that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Botox is administered by injecting a small amount of the solution into the muscles around the problem areas. The product temporarily relaxes facial muscles that are the underlying cause of wrinkles and therefore produces the appearance of flatter, smoother skin.

BOTOX® Treatment for Jaw Tension and TMJ

BOTOX® is used as an alternative treatment for TMJ (temporo-mandibular joint) disorders and associated jaw tension and pain. When injected into facial muscles afflicted with soreness and discomfort, BOTOX® relieves TMJ and jaw tension for many patients. The injections often eliminate headaches resulting from teeth grinding, and, in cases of severe stress, BOTOX® can even minimize lock jaw. Although BOTOX® treatment for these conditions is presently experimental; evidence indicates that it can be extremely effective.

Important Advisory: Taking aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication (NSAIDs) or anticoagulant medication before a Botox procedure is not recommended. Taking such products can increase bruising. If it is possible and prudent to stop these medications, you must do so at least one week before the Botox injections.

Risks, Limitations & Possible Complications of Botox Injections for TMJ Treatment

As with any medical procedure there are possible risks and side effects when using Botox for TMJ treatment. Since this is a non-surgical treatment procedure, the risks and possible complications are infrequent, minimal and temporary.

The most common reported side-effects of Botox treatment are headaches, respiratory infection, flu syndrome, temporary eye-lid droop, and nausea. Less commonly reported effects of Botox are pain, redness at spot of injection, and muscle weakness. These symptoms are thought to be connected with the Botox injection and occur within the first week.

There could also be bruising at the injection site. The lips are used more than the forehead for common activities such as chewing, kissing, and talking. Therefore Botox injections around the mouth are less useful in TMJ treatment and can have more potential inconvenient effects. These every day activities may become more difficult and too much Botox® around the mouth can result in drooling. Another limitation to Botox® injection for TMJ treatments is that there is a possibility of developing antibodies that would render the TMJ treatments less and less effective over time. This resistance could be delayed by using the lowest effective dose possible over the longest intervals of time. Botox injection treatments should be avoided during pregnancy and lactation.

Some people are poor candidates for this procedure, including people with certain types of medical conditions. These include conditions that cause facial paralysis like Bell's Palsy, Myasthenia Gravis and Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Women who are breastfeeding or pregnant should not use Botox.

The effects of a Botox procedure most often last from 3 to 5 months, but this can vary. Patients may experience relaxation or weakness in muscles adjacent to the targeted area. The most common side effect is eyelid droop, a condition called ptosis. This impact occurs in less than 3 percent of injections and is temporary. It usually resolves before the intended effects of the Botox wears off.

The primary side effects of Botox include injection pain and bruising, outcomes that are usually temporary and minor. In some cases, localized saline hypersensitivity can happen. Botox has been on the market for many years and there has never been a reported case of an allergic reaction.

When you sign this form, you consent and agree that you have read this document about Botox injection and understand that using aspirin, NSAIDs or any sort of blood thinner within the previous 3 days may result in an increased risk of bruising after the injections. You understand that this procedure, like all medical procedures, has side effects in some cases. You state that the staff of this facility have been provided with a truthful and thorough medical history. You understand that additional injections may be required if the desired effect is not seen within 10 to 14 days of treatment and that this facility charges a retouch fee in such cases. You understand that the positive effects of Botox are temporary and last about 3 to 5 months and that repeat injections are necessary 3 or 4 times a year for continued effect.

You certify by signing this form that you have read the information in this document and completely understand it. You choose to proceed based entirely on the information provided in this informed consent document. You have been given all necessary opportunities for discussion and all your questions regarding Botox injections have been answered. You therefore and hereby consent to the care or treatment described herein. You assume related hazards, risks and costs or expenses associated with and arising from this treatment and release hereby all employees and consultants of this and other healthcare facilities and affiliates and agents from all liability from treatment except in cases where hazards or risk are the result of proven gross negligence.

This document is full disclose and supersedes any other written or verbal disclosures, advertising claims or marketing materials prepared by this facility or anyone else. It is further understood that this program is a specialty service and that this facility does not have overall responsibility for your general and comprehensive medical care.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____