



Botulinum Toxin Consent Form

Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A (BoNTA) uses the toxin produced by the bacteria responsible for botulism in food poisoning. However, the amount of toxin used is minimal and generally well tolerated in clinical trials. The toxin temporarily weakens the muscle responsible for developing facial expression lines caused by muscle activity. Static facial lines, e.g. those due to sun damage, will not usually respond to treatment with botulinum toxin, as they are not caused by muscle activity

Botulinum Toxin Type A is licensed for the temporary improvement of moderate to severe vertical lines between the eyebrows (glabellar lines) and is injected into the skin to reduce these lines. You are having these injections because the severity of your lines has had an important physiological impact on you

Treatment is not recommended if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, if you suffer from myasthenia gravis, Eaton Lambert Syndrome or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (MND). You should not have BoNTA if you have had periocular surgery in the last 6 months, if you are taking aminoglycoside antibiotics, if you have had a previous allergic reaction to BoNTA or if you have an active infection or dermatosis in a proposed injection site

After treatment with BoNTA you should start to see an improvement within 2 to 3 days, however the full effect can take up to 10 days. The benefits of treatment usually last between 3 and 6 months, but can vary depending on your individual response

The most common side effects of BoNTA are headache and injection reactions e.g. redness, swelling, irritation, rash, itching, numbness, pain, discomfort, stinging, bruising and bleeding. Normally these reactions are mild to moderate, reversible and occur in the first week after treatment. There is also a small possibility of slight drooping of the eyelid, facial asymmetry or visual problems. Some people eventually develop resistance to BoNTA. If this happens, it may be possible to use a different product to elicit a reaction. Very rarely, botulinum toxin may result in muscle weakness away from the site of injection

If symptoms last for more than one week or you are concerned about any symptoms you should report them to your practitioner as soon as possible. Seek urgent medical help if you have difficulties breathing, swallowing, speaking or if your face swells up

BoNTA may cause temporary blurred vision or muscle weakness. If affected, you should not drive or use machinery

BoNTA contains a very small amount of albumin which comes from human blood. It is very unlikely that this could pass on an infection, but it cannot be entirely ruled out

I have been fully informed about the risks and benefits of treatment with BoNTA and authorize Conrad Costa to treat me with BoNTA

Name

Signature

Date

I confirm that I have fully informed the patient about the risks and benefits of treatment with BoNTA

Signature

Date