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7 FACIAL WRINKLES  
SMOOTHED BY BOTOX

Aging is an inevitable result of living, and wrinkles are a sign of aging.

Collagen in the dermis is made up of fibers of protein that, along with elastin, give strength, support, and resilience to the skin. Collagen production starts to slow down as early as one's thirties. The strands break up and decrease number. This, along with hyperactive facial muscles, sun damage, and years of tobacco use all contribute to wrinkle formation.

There's nothing wrong with wrinkles, and some people celebrate their wrinkles as evidence of a full life. Okay, probably no one celebrates her wrinkles; however, some people certainly don't mind wrinkles and don't want to spend money or time smoothing them out. Other people, however, desire to rid themselves of wrinkles.

In addition to certain lifestyle modifications like avoidance of sun exposure and smoking cessation, there are numerous noninvasive treatments for wrinkles including laser, chemical peeling, tissue filler injections, and injection of botulinum toxin.

Injection with botulinum works best with dynamic wrinkles or wrinkles that appear after the formation of facial expressions like a smile or a frown. Conversely, static wrinkles remain while your face is relaxed and are best treated with a combination of botulinum toxin and dermal fillers. Static wrinkles are also treated commonly with chemical peels, microdermabrasion, radiofrequency micro-needling, and laser resurfacing.

Here are seven different facial wrinkles treated by injection with botulinum toxin.

### **1. GLABELLAR LINES**

Treatment of glabellar lines is the most common cosmetic use of botulinum toxin. The glabella is a patch of skin between the eyebrows and above the nose.

### **2. CROW'S FEET**

Crow's feet (AKA periorbital lines or lateral canthal lines) are wrinkles that branch from the outer corners of the eyes while smiling. Of note, crow's feet that are static thus occurring in both the presence and absence of smiling. Crows feet are the second most frequent types of wrinkles treated with Botox, which works beautifully with the dynamic wrinkles in this area.



### 3. FOREHEAD WRINKLES

The relatively large facial muscle that overlies the forehead is called the frontalis muscle. When the frontalis muscle contracts, the brow raises and forehead lines appear.

### 4. BUNNY LINES

Bunny lines occur on the bridge of the nose. They can become more prominent after botulinum toxin treatment for glabellar lines or crow's feet. Thus, people who have Botox treatment for glabellar lines or crow's feet often return for treatment of bunny lines, too.

### 5. LIPSTICK LINES

Perioral or lipstick lines are vertical wrinkles above the upper lip. The formation of lipstick lines is likely multifactorial and photoaging, hereditary factors, puckering and smoking all contribute.

### 6. MARIONETTE LINES

Marionette lines are vertical wrinkles that originate at the corners of the mouth and branch downwards towards the chin. (These lines resemble the borders of the jaw segment of a marionette.) Marionette lines are usually treated with both botulinum toxin and dermal fillers.

### 7. CHIN DIMPLING

Chin dimpling gives the chin an orange-peel (peau d'orange) appearance. As with the treatment of marionette lines, smoothing chin dimples often requires both botulinum toxin and dermal fillers.





### **HOW BOTOX WORKS**

Botulinum toxin is a potent paralyzing agent produced by Clostridium botulinum bacteria. Botulinum toxin can cause the life-threatening illness botulism, which you can get from eating contaminated food. But injected in tiny amounts and in a purified form, botulinum toxin has been widely used over the last few decades to treat muscle spasms and other medical problems.

### **POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Botulinum toxin is considered less risky than plastic surgery. But you can get temporary muscle weakness or paralysis adjacent to the injection site, which can result in a droopy eyelid or brow, double vision, or asymmetry in features. Temporary loss in facial expression is common. Side effects are more likely with larger doses and with less experienced practitioners. As with any injection, botulinum toxin can cause redness, bruising, mild swelling, and pain. Allergic reactions - characterized by itching, rashes, wheezing, and asthma-like symptoms - are possible.

### **BOTOX IS NOT PERMANENT**

Results will vary, but results typically last from four to six months. At that point, when wrinkles begin to reappear, another Botox session will be needed. Lines and wrinkles often appear less severe over time because the muscles are being trained to relax and stop contracting. Botox is not going to eliminate wrinkles altogether. It is only to be used as a temporary solution for managing the problem.

### **BENEFITS OF HAVING BOTOX TREATMENT**

Risks do not mean that it does not have benefits. The botox injections offer a variety of benefits.

- It is a highly effective, safe and quick treatment to fix the ageing lines and wrinkles.



- The treatment has no downtime and the patient can resume the routine work after having the botox injections.
- Botox gives stunning results when used in combination with other non-surgical anti-ageing treatments such as dermal fillers.
- It not just reduces the present signs of ageing but can also provide prevention from further development of lines and wrinkles.
- The side effects of botox treatment are temporary which include swelling, bruising and redness.

#### **WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE AGE FOR BOTOX?**

Botox is not meant for everyone. If you have ageing concerns and wants to prevent pre-mature ageing then you can opt for botox treatment. There is no hard and fast age limitation to have Botox but it is not recommended for the people of age 18 years or younger.

From the perspective of prevention, you can start having the Botox injections from your late twenties before the development of deeper lines and wrinkles. However, this is again variable from individual to individual depending on your skin quality.



# A BRIEF NOTE FROM DR. MATTEO VIGO



I decided to become a doctor at early age but I was not aware of the world of Plastic Surgery. Once I have discovered it I fell in love with the whole concept behind and how this field of Medicine can be helpful for many people.

I passionately believe that, in order to improve the physical aspect of a patient, the plastic surgeon needs to combine the principles of art and science, adopting a global approach to understanding the individual desires.

Plastic Surgery is a truly fascinating, dynamic, constantly evolving field of medicine and I believe that the role of a Cosmetic Surgeon is unique and highly privileged.

My main goal is to understand the needs of a patient and try to transform their desires into reality. The role of a plastic surgeon is not only merely surgical but also supportive in the decision process of the best treatment to help patients finding themselves and their wellbeing.

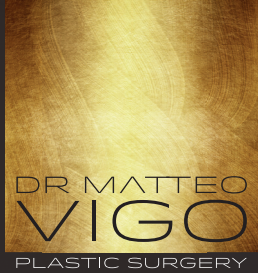
All these steps are taken into consideration once a person walks in my office and the service I am offering them is always at the top.

I am combining experience, quality and professionalism to evaluate each single case and offer the best solution for my patients.

**"Because you deserve the best"** is my motto and I want always to put the patient at the centre of what I am doing.

You have to feel pampered, understood, listened, loved once in my office and the feedback of this feelings from my patient is my best satisfaction.

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