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BOTOX[®] The Procedure

BOTULINUM TOXIN A (BOTOX[®]) INJECTION FOR FACIAL WRINKLES

The purpose of this form is to describe the **BOTOX[®]** procedure. Once the paperwork is completed, the entire process can usually be completed within 15 minutes

- 1) You are seated in the examination chair. The seat is adjusted for comfort. The Doctor or nurse will conduct a brief interview. The Clinician will discuss with you the areas to be treated. Other areas may be added as desired. Any questions you have will be answered in detail. Sometimes certain lines or wrinkles are not amenable to **BOTOX[®]** correction.
- 2) Make up is removed in the areas to be treated. An alcohol wipe is used to disinfect the area(s) to be treated.
- 3) A cold compress is applied. This will lessen the sensation and make the injection more comfortable.
- 4) A very fine needle is used to inject the **BOTOX[®]** into the areas of the hyperactive muscle. Depending on the area treated, there will be between 1 to 6 injections in each of treatment area. After each injection, pressure is applied to minimize bruising.
- 5) **DO NOT RUB OR MASSAGE THE AREA FOR 12 HOURS.** Massaging the area may push the **BOTOX[®]** into other areas. You may however touch, wash or apply makeup etc to the treated area.
- 6) You will notice some effect the next day, with the full effect noted by day 3 to 5. In certain cases, the effect is partial and repeat injection is required. In rare instances, the injection produces no effect. Other procedures/injections may be indicated.
- 7) Complications are rare. Possible side effects include: mild swelling at the injection site; headache; local numbness; bruising; rash; and temporary loss of function of a nearby muscle (e.g., double vision). If these or any other problems develop, call the doctor. He (or sometimes a doctor on call) can be reached day or night at **(916) 570-3088** or **(916) 716-2222**.

Patient signature: _____ Date: _____