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Information about your Facial Aesthetics Treatment.

Botulinum Toxins (Azzalure, Botox or Bocouture) are a purified protein produced by the bacterium clostridium botulinum, to cause medium term (around 2- 6 months on average with wide variation between individuals) relaxation of the muscle. This relaxation of the muscle can reduce lines or wrinkles which the muscle action has formed. Possible side effects include but are not limited to: transient headache, swelling, bruising, bleeding, pain, twitching, itching, oedema around eyes or numbness. Allergy including anaphylaxis is possible but rare. Asymmetry (unevenness), temporary drooping of eyelids or eyebrows, dry eyes, double vision which may require treatment or time to resolve. Known significant risks have been disclosed, yet the theoretical risk of unknown complications does exist. Limitations and alternatives:

Occasionally the treatment wears off very quickly or does not work at all. Botulinum Toxin is best at treating dynamic facial lines; those caused by facial muscle activity, lines present at rest may or may not improve. Alternatives which exist for the treatment of wrinkles such as topical creams, chemical peels, laser treatments, surgical denervation, forehead/brow lift, facelift, or hyaluronic acid treatments. Adjustment injections (top-up) are available for up to 4 weeks after the first treatment, but thereafter may incur a charge. You must follow the after care advice.

Hyaluronic acids including the Juvederm and Restylane range improve fine lines, deep lines and volume loss through targeted volume replacement and hydration. Side effects and complications include but are not limited to: risks of injection (bleeding, bruising, haematoma and infection, allergic reaction including anaphylaxis). Injection site reactions: a lumpy or "thick" feeling at or just under the skin, bruising, redness, itching, pain, tenderness, asymmetry or swelling. Nodules may form immediately or months later which could require further treatment or be permanent. Injections into the lip area could trigger a recurrence of cold sores (Herpes simplex infections). In very rare instances blood supply from the vessels can be disrupted causing scab formation and in some cases permanent scarring, caused by skin necrosis. Occasionally side effects of bruising and swelling may last for several months anywhere, but more commonly in the tear trough area. Treatments can be ineffective or require reversal. Swelling can aggravate existing skin blemishes like visible capillaries or coloured blemishes. Reversal of treatments with hyaluronidase has similar injection risks but is relatively higher risk of allergy including anaphylaxis and loss of pre-existing volume which is temporary but could be asymmetrical.

There will be an **additional fee** for adjustment injections of Botulinum Toxin after the initial follow up completed in the first 4 weeks. All filler treatments requiring adjustment after the initial treatment will incur a fee for new product.

Photographs and storing of details of your clinical record are taken to aid in your treatment planning. You may not be suitable for treatment if you are suffering from active autoimmune disease. It is also not advised if you are likely to be pregnant or breast feeding. Medication: Substances that may increase the risk of bruising from any injection including but are not limited to Vitamin E, aspirin, motrin, clopidogril, warfarin. The outcome's subjective nature means dissatisfaction is a possible outcome regardless of effectiveness of treatment.

The effect of all treatments may gradually wear off and additional treatments may be necessary to maintain the desired effect. Most treatments are given off label, as licensed use for prescribed treatments listed do not include most areas of available treatment. **You must accept all the risks, complications and conditions of the procedure and agree to abide by aftercare advice.**