

## What are anti-wrinkle injections?

We use the brand leader of anti-wrinkle injections which are made in Ireland. Beware of cheaper, less effective and less safe anti-wrinkle injections made elsewhere. Anti-wrinkle injections relax the muscles which cause frown lines, forehead lines and crow's feet. It creates a smoothed, rejuvenated more relaxed appearance.

## When injected into a muscle:

- It temporarily blocks the chemical signals that make the muscle contract.
- Only minute quantities of anti-wrinkle injections are used.
- Only the injected muscle will be affected.

## Are anti-wrinkle injections safe?

- Anti-wrinkle injections have an excellent safety profile.
- Anti-wrinkle injections are used in a variety of therapeutic areas. It is one of the few treatments that can be given to treat children over 2 years of age to treat Cerebral Palsy - anti-wrinkle injections help them to walk!
- Anti-wrinkle injections have been actively used for over 25 years in millions of patients worldwide.
- Anti-wrinkle injections have US FDA and European approval
- Anti-wrinkle injections have now been licensed in the UK and Ireland for the treatment of Glabella (forehead) lines.

## How do anti-wrinkle injections work?

- A tiny amount of anti-wrinkle injections is injected into the hyperactive muscles.
- Anti-wrinkle injections block the nerve impulse from reaching these muscles.
- This will correct dynamic wrinkles and lines of the face which occur when you use your muscles to make facial expressions
- The muscle simply relaxes or 'goes to sleep'

- This enables the muscles to relax and the lines become less obvious.
- Static wrinkles that are present when you are not forming facial expressions (i.e. when your face is relaxed) will not disappear with anti-wrinkle injections but may soften with this treatment

### **What happens during an anti-wrinkle injections treatment?**

- It only takes ten minutes.
- Your doctor will ask you to frown or smile to assess your muscle movement.
- Then determine the injection site to achieve the best results for you.
- Anti-wrinkle injections<sup>®</sup> are then administered by several tiny injections.
- Feels like a pinprick or like acupuncture needles.
- No anaesthetic is required.
- You can return to work immediately but do not wear makeup x 4 hours.

### **Are there any side effects from an anti-wrinkle injections treatment?**

If they do occur, they are rare and usually resolve after a few days or weeks:

- Temporary headaches may occur, although anti-wrinkle injections can be used to treat headaches
- Mild to moderate eyelid or brow drop
- Slight bruising from the injection
- Very rarely it can cause difficulty swallowing, breathing or visual disturbance

### **When will anti-wrinkle injections start to work?**

- From Day 2 in some patients through to 14 days to see the full effect.

### **How long will my anti-wrinkle injections treatment last?**

- Results can last from 3 to 4 months following initial treatment
- Subsequent anti-wrinkle injections treatments can last longer.
- Varies from person to person.

**Will anti-wrinkle injections work for me?**

- Most patients treated by Dr David Buckley, who is one of the most experienced injectors in Ireland, are satisfied with the result.

**Will my lines look worse if I do not continue my treatment?**

- Should you discontinue treatment, your lines will gradually revert to their pre-treatment appearance after a few months or years.

**Will anti-wrinkle injections affect my whole face?**

- Anti-wrinkle injections only relax the muscle it is injected into.
- It is used in miniscule quantities to treat facial lines.
- Appropriate injections of anti-wrinkle injections will ensure you still have natural facial expression

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