

PRE AND POST CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTOX

Pre Care Instructions

- Avoid the use of Aspirin, NSAIDS, Ginkgo Biloba, Garlic Supplements, Green Tea, Flax Oil, Cod Liver Oil, Vitamins A and E, and essential fatty acids for up to 1 week pre and post injection as they will increase your risk of bruising.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages 24 hours before (or after) your treatment to avoid extra bruising
- You may take Arnica tablets 2-3 days prior to your injection to reduce the risk of bruising
- Do not apply products that are potentially irritating for 2 -3 days before and after treatment (examples- tretinoin/retin-a, glycolic acid, benzoyl peroxide, hydroquinone)
- Inform your provider if you have a history of cold sores to receive a prescription for an antiviral prior to treatment

Day of Treatment

- Arrive with a clean face. Please do not wear makeup.
- You may experience a mild amount of tenderness or stinging during and following injection
- Redness and swelling are normal. Some bruising may also be visible

Post Care Instructions

- You can exercise your treated muscles for 1-2 hours after treatment (e.g. practice frowning, raise your eyebrows, and squint). This may help to work the product into your muscles.
- Stay in a vertical position for 4 hours following injection. Do not rest your head or lie down; sit upright.
- Ice (but avoid firm pressure) for 15 minutes 3 times the day of treatment if needed.
- You may take Acetaminophen/Tylenol if you experience any mild tenderness/discomfort
- Do not massage treated areas after treatment
- After treatment there may be mild swelling and redness with possibility of bruising. You may apply or take Arnica tablets to help decrease the amount of bruising
- Avoid extended UV exposure until any redness/swelling has subsided. Apply SPF.
- Avoid strenuous exercise for 24 hours to reduce bruising. You may resume other normal activities/routines immediately
- Avoid laser, IPL, or skin tightening treatments of the area for a minimum of 24 hours (or as directed by your provider) after injection
- You may continue your topical products as mentioned above 1 day after injection.