

## **Botox**

### **Ask Dr. Mikell**

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#### **Q: What exactly is BOTOX®?**

**A:** BOTOX® Cosmetic is a purified protein produced by the *Clostridium botulinum* bacterium. It is a nonsurgical treatment that can temporarily reduce moderate to severe frown lines between the brows, squint lines and forehead furrows.

#### **Q: When will I see results?**

**A:** Within days, you may see a marked improvement. Lines continue to improve for up to a month. Results may vary.

#### **Q: How long does BOTOX® last?**

**A:** Results can last for up to 4 months. If you discontinue treatment, the furrows gradually will look like they did before treatment.

#### **Q: Is the treatment painful?**

**A:** Discomfort is usually minimal and brief. Prior to injecting, your physician may choose to numb the area with a cold pack or anesthetic cream. The entire procedure takes approximately 10 minutes.

#### **Q: Will my facial expressions continue to look natural?**

**A:** Although the results are visible, it will not radically change your facial appearance or make you look as if you "had work done." The muscle activity that causes furrows is simply reduced, so you can still frown or look surprised without the wrinkles and creases.

#### **Q: Do treatment results differ?**

**A:** To get the best results, it's important to go to a doctor who is experienced in administering BOTOX®.

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