

Botox® Injection

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Are there any side effects?

- You may have some of these side effects:
 - › Your upper eyelid may droop.
 - › Your eyelid may be puffy.
 - › Your eye may be dry. You may need eye drops. You **do not** need a prescription for the eye drops.
 - › You may have trouble closing your upper eyelid.
 - › Your eye may be sensitive to light.
 - › Your eye may tear up because your lower eyelid is weak. This will go away over time as the Botox® wears off.
 - › Your lips may move differently. This may make it hard to talk.
 - › You may have bruising around the injection areas.
 - › Double vision (seeing 2 images when you are looking at one object).

These side effects are temporary (will go away over time).

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Your doctor has recommended Botox® injections for your blepharospasm (rapid eye blinking) or facial muscle spasms.

What is Botox® and how does it work?

- Botox® is a purified (germ-free) toxin that can stop muscle spasms.
- Your nerves release chemicals that cause the spasms in your muscles. Botox® blocks these chemicals and stops the spasms.

What are your questions?

Please ask. We are here to help you.

How long do the Botox® effects last?

- Botox® is not a cure. It helps relieve your symptoms for about 3 months.
- You should see improvement in 3 to 5 days. This will be different for each person and depends on the amount of Botox® given.
- If your spasms do not get better, you may need another injection.

On the day of your appointment:

- **Do not** wear any makeup on your eyes or face.
- Go to the main entrance of the Centennial or Dickson building, Victoria General site. **Register using a self check-in kiosk.**
- Go to the Eye Care Centre in the Centennial building, 2A.
- Plan to be at the Centre for 1 to 1 ½ hours.

During treatment

- You will be asked to sit in a chair with your head well-supported.
- The eye doctor will use a needle to inject the Botox® around your eyes and face.

After treatment

- The amount of Botox® you will have during this treatment is very small. It does **not** spread to any other parts in your body. You can go back to your usual activities right away.
- **Do not** rub the injection areas after the treatment.