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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING COLLAGEN DERMAL FILLERS and BOTOX INJECTIONS:

Q. *WHAT IS DERMAL FILLER?*

A. Dermal fillers are substances that are injected just below the surface of the skin to replenish the collagen layer, filling lines, wrinkles and scars from the inside out. Dermal fillers can temporarily restore a smoother, more youthful appearance. Dermal fillers can also be used to add definition to the lip border. Collagen dermal fillers have been proven safe and effective for more than 20 years. The newest dermal filler is Juvederm®. Studies show it to last up to 2 times as long as other dermal fillers.

Q. *WHAT IS COLLAGEN?*

A. Collagen is the most abundant natural protein found in the body and provides structural support to skin, muscle, tendon, and bone. Fibers of collagen are woven together, like threads in fabric, to form a framework into which new cells can grow. In the skin, collagen provides texture, resiliency and shape.

Q. *WHAT AREAS CAN BE TREATED WITH COLLAGEN?*

A. The most common areas are the smile lines around your mouth and nose, frown lines between the eyes, acne scars, fine lines above the mouth, and the lip border to add definition.

Q. *WHAT IS THE BOTOX COSMETIC PROCEDURE LIKE?*

A. It is a simple treatment consisting of the doctor deciding exactly how much and where to administer BOTOX® cosmetic, followed by tiny injections. You can resume normal activity immediately. The needle used is the finest available, usually causing very little discomfort. Most patients compare the sensation to a bug bite.

Q. *HOW LONG HAS BOTOX® BEEN USED?*

A. Botox has been used therapeutically for over 15 years to treat a variety of medical conditions and has been approved by the FDA. Botox with dosing specific to facial concerns was approved as “*Botox Cosmetic*”.

Q. *WHAT IS COLLAGEN REPLACEMENT THERAPY? And IS IT SAFE?*

A. Collagen replacement therapy is a safe, non-surgical wrinkle correction treatment in which highly purified collagen is injected into the skin to replenish the skins’ lost collagen, restoring skin structure. It is approved by the FDA and is tested for a variety of contaminants in accordance with the strict FDA requirements.

Q. *HOW ARE COLLAGEN TREATMENTS DIFFERENT FROM BOTOX?*

A. Botox is a protein that is injected into muscles to relax them, smoothing lines and wrinkles caused by repeated facial movements. In contrast, collagen is a dermal filler and is injected below a wrinkle, scar or depression in order to fill it in, smoothing the surface of the skin.

Q. *DO I NEED TO TAKE TIME OFF WORK TO RECUPERATE?*

A. NO. It is a simple procedure with a quick recovery time. Most patients feel comfortable resuming their normal activities immediately following treatment. You are free to eat, drink, or wear makeup with sun block shortly after treatment. There may be some temporary swelling and/or redness to the treated area, which should subside within an hour or two.

Q. *WHAT AREAS CAN BE TREATED WITH BOTOX?*

A. At Butterfly Landing BOTOX cosmetic is injected into any muscles from the eye area on up. It makes wonderful changes in the lines between the eyes, the crow's feet, and the lateral lines on foreheads. It has also been approved to help with hyperhidrosis, or excessive underarm sweating.

Q. *DOES IT HURT?*

A. Most people report that Botox injections are only minimally uncomfortable, with a slight sting. Dermal fillers are associated with somewhat more discomfort. To minimize discomfort, a topical or local anesthetic can be applied prior to treatment. Some of our dermal fillers contain a local anesthetic, which helps to temporarily numb the treatment area.

Q. *WHEN WILL I START TO SEE RESULTS?*

A. With Botox, **the general rule is 3 – 3 – 3**. It takes approximately **3 days** to see the beginning of a difference, **3 weeks** to see the full improvement and **3 months** that the results will last. However, some patients report that the more they do BOTOX cosmetic, the longer the results last. With dermal fillers, improvement is seen immediately in most situations but effects of dermal fillers may become enhanced over the first weeks after injections.

Q. *WHO PERFORMS THE COSMETIC INJECTIONS?*

A. Our Board Certified Physician and our Certified Nurse Practitioner perform all cosmetic injections at Butterfly Landing Medi-Spa.

Q. *HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO HAVE THIS DONE?*

A. To maintain optimal correction, touch up injections are usually needed two or three times a year. Studies show once optimum results are attained, Juvederm may only need one touch up treatment per year.

Q. *HOW MUCH DOES A TREATMENT COST?*

A. The price is dependent on how many units are used. The prices range from \$12.95 per unit of Botox, and \$599 per unit of Juvederm XC.

Q. *HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?*

A. Call us at 815-220-0979 to schedule your appointment and find out more information.

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