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Botox vs Fillers



What is the Difference between Botox and Dermal Fillers?

The difference is that Botox freezes tissues to stop wrinkles from forming, whereas fillers are injected to add volume and fullness to soft tissues. Both beauty treatments involve injections to achieve the desired results. Since no surgery is required, this makes both treatment forms very appealing

Now that we've discussed how Botox and fillers are similar, let's look at what makes them different.

What is Botox?

The ingredients used for Botox come from purified botulinum bacteria. Injected in small amounts, Botox is highly effective at eliminating wrinkles. The procedure is time-tested, with decades of safe use.

How Does Botox Work?

The Botox procedure blocks nerve signals at injection points. This causes the muscles in these

areas to become frozen or paralyzed for a time. Because these muscles temporarily aren't moving, wrinkles in the face can be lessened, softened and, in some cases, eliminated altogether.

What Can Botox Help With?

Botox can help with dynamic wrinkles. Muscle movements in the face, also called expression lines, cause dynamic wrinkles.

There are certain dynamic wrinkles that Botox is most effective in helping. The "11" between the eyebrows generally sees good success. Other facial lines that are treated well with Botox include "crow's feet" near the eyes and horizontal lines commonly found on the forehead.

Dynamic wrinkles happen due to facial movements like squinting, smiling and frowning.

Are There Wrinkles That Botox Can't Help?

Yes. Wrinkles resulting from loss of fullness in the face or sagging would not effectively be treated with Botox. These are considered static wrinkles and are found in the jowl regions, neck and cheeks.

Are Botox Results Permanent?

Although the Botox procedure lasts for a satisfying amount of time, it isn't permanent. Results vary a bit from person to person, too. You can generally expect your procedure to last for three to four months.

What Are Dermal Fillers?

Another name for dermal fillers is soft tissue fillers. Just as the name suggests, this substance increase fullness and volume in the face once injected below the skin's surface.

What Ingredients Are Used in Dermal Fillers?

There are five main ingredients used in dermal fillers. Each one works in a unique way to reverse the effects of aging. Depending on the filler used, there's a differing time you can expect them to work for you. Some last around six months while others for as long as two years or more.

Here's a little more on those ingredients:

- Polyalkylimide: A clear gel that's safe to inject into the body.
- Calcium Hydroxylapatite: Found naturally in the bones, it is a mineral-based compound.
- Polylactic Acid: Encourages the skin to increase collagen production.
- Polymethyl-methacrylate microspheres (PMMA): A filler that is semi-permanent.

 Hyaluronic Acid: Is found in some tissues and fluids throughout the body. This acid provides plumpness or fullness for the skin.

What Can Dermal Fillers Help With?

Dermal fillers can treat a number of aging signs. Some of the more common ones include:

- Providing volume for thinning lips
- Improving or filling out facial areas considered shallow
- Helping with recessed scars by softening or filling them in
- Lessening the effects of static wrinkles by softening or filling them in
- Improving or diminishing under-eye wrinkles

Can Botox and Dermal Fillers Be Used at the Same Time?

Absolutely. Because Botox and dermal fillers treat different conditions in the face, they provide a powerful one-two punch to aging. Depending on your goals, both treatment forms can be used in the same appointment. You'll certainly see greater results if you decide to use both.

Have your wrinkles been getting you down lately? At La Belle Vie, we understand how discouraging that can be. That's why we're thrilled to help Draper, Utah residents and beyond with their beauty enhancement needs. Call 801-797-3521 for a free consultation.

An expert will reach out to answer your questions.