

# CONSENT FOR USE OF BOTULINUM TOXIN COSMETIC INDICATIONS AND ALTERNATIVES

Dysport® is a brand name for AbobotulinumtoxinA, a neurotoxin that blocks the message between muscles and nerves that control them. The effects of Dysport® become apparent 2-5 days after injection and generally last 4-6 months. The FDA has approved the use of Dysport® to treat facial Dystonia's (spasms), strabismus (crossed eyes), and to temporarily soften the appearance of facial Rhytids (wrinkles) between the eyebrows and on the forehead. While the FDA has not approved injections to improve the appearance of wrinkles in other areas of the face, physicians may perform these "off label" procedures. There are alternatives to Dysport®, including no treatment, or medications or surgical intervention.

## **SIDE EFFECTS AND COMPLICATIONS**

Include but are limited to:

1. Bruising
2. Under correction (not enough) or overcorrection (too much effect).
3. Facial Asymmetry (One side looks different from the other)
4. Paralysis of a nearby muscle leading to: An eye ptosis (eye droop), double vision, inability to close eye, difficulty whistling, or drinking from a straw
5. Generalized weakness
6. Permanent loss of muscle tone with repeated injection
7. Flu-like syndrome or respiratory infection
8. Nausea and headache
9. Development of antibodies to Dysport®
10. Dysport® contains human-derived albumin and carries a theoretic risk of virus transmission. There have been no reports of disease transmission through Dysport®

## **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

You should not have Dysport® if:

You are pregnant; nursing; allergic to albumin; have an infection, skin condition, or muscle weakness at the site of injection; or have Eaton-Lambert syndrome, Lou Gehrig's disease, or Myasthenia Gravis.

I understand the above, and have had the risks, benefits and alternative options explained to me. No guarantees about results have been made. I give my informed consent for Dysport® injections today as well as future treatments as needed.

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Patient Signature

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Date