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ENHANCEMENT FILLERS **(Restylane®, Perlane®, Juvederm®)**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE FILLERS?

These are products that when injected into various areas on the face will smooth wrinkles and folds. Fillers can augment cheekbones and lift the skin (i.e. jowls). Lips can look fuller and more defined. Smoker's lines can be eliminated so lipstick won't bleed. Sad lines around the mouth can be pulled up. Jaw lines can be softened to make jowls less prominent. Sunken eyes (tear trough) can be filled to give a smoother appearance.

WHAT IS IT MADE OF?

These products are made of pure, non-animal stabilized hyaluronic acid which is a complex sugar molecule.

Hyaluronic acid is a molecule that plays an important role giving volume to the skin, shape to the eyes and elasticity to the joints. Because hyaluronic acid is identical in all living organisms it is biosynthetically produced by bacterial fermentation. It is extracted and purified. Therefore, no animal products are used.

ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Some common reactions that might occur include: temporary redness, bruising, swelling, pain, itching, discoloration or tenderness at the implant site. Typically these resolve within one to two days after injection in the skin and within a week after injection in to the lips. Localized reactions (hypersensitivity) have been reported in about one in every 2,000 treated patients.

CAN THE PRODUCTS BE USED DURING PREGNANCY OR BREASTFEEDING?

Treatment with these products during pregnancy or breastfeeding has not been tested. To be safe they should be avoided during this time.

CAN THE PRODUCTS BE USED FOLLOWING LASER PROCEDURES OR CHEMICAL PEELS?

Yes, but it is recommended to wait until the treated area is totally healed (normally 4 to 6 weeks).

HOW IS IT DONE AND DOES IT HURT?

The gel is inserted into the skin using a very fine needle. The results are instantaneous. Because certain areas can be fairly sensitive, the use of an anaesthetic may be required. After the consultation the procedure generally takes approximately 30 minutes. Once the swelling resolves, a few touch ups may need to be done in about a week's time.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST? ARE THEY PERMANENT?

No, these fillers are not permanent. The product lasts from 4 months to 1 year on average but everyone is different. Depending on the filler and where it is injected you can see results for many years.

WHERE DOES IT GO IN MY BODY?

Since the body has its own system for absorbing hyaluronic acid, it disappears over time without a trace.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost varies according to how much gel is required. The gel is preloaded in 0.5 mL and 1.0 mL syringes.

Restylane® 0.5 mL: \$300

Restylane®/Juvederm 1.0 mL: \$450

Perlane®/Juvederm Plus 1.0mL: \$500.00

Lip enhancement: 0.5 to 1mL (depending on desired fullness)

Nasolabial Folds: 1 mL each side (depends on depth of fold)

Fine Lines/folds: 0.5mL

Cheek Augmentation: 1-2mL each side (depends on desired fullness)

Multiple syringe discounts applicable to same visit treatments.