## PRE & POST CARE PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS

# **NEUROMODULATORS**

(BOTOX, XEOMIN, DAXXY, DYSPORT, ETC.)



Please review all materials provided to you prior to your treatment. It is prudent to follow some simple guidelines before treatment that can make all the difference between a fair and great result, by reducing some possible side effects associated with the injections. We realize that this is not always possible. However, minimizing these risks is always desirable.

#### **Pre-Treatment Instructions**

- Avoid the use of Aspirin, NSAIDS, Ginko Biloba, Garlic Supplements, Green Tea, Flax Oil, Cod Liver Oil, Vitamins A and E, and essential fatty acids for up to 1 week pre and post injection as they will increase your risk of bruising.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages 24 hours before (or after) your treatment to avoid extra bruising.
- Do not apply products that are potentially irritating for 2 -3 days before and after treatment (examples-tretinoin/retin-a, glycolic acid, benzoyl peroxide, hydroquinone)
- Inform your provider if you have a history of cold sores to receive advice on antiviral therapy prior to treatment
- Do not use the above stated if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, are allergic to any of its ingredients, or have a history of neurologic disorders. Please inform your provider if you have any questions about this prior to the treatment.

# **Day of Treatment**

- You may use topical anesthetic medication in office before your scheduled appointment (please arrive 15 minutes prior to procedure).
- Arrive with a clean face. Please do not wear makeup.
- You may experience a mild amount of tenderness or stinging during and following injection.
- Redness and swelling are normal. Some bruising may also be visible.

## **Post Care Instructions**

- It is best to try to exercise your treated muscles for 1-2 hours after treatment (e.g. practice frowning, raise your eyebrows, and squint). This helps to work the product into your muscles.
- Stay in a vertical position for 4 hours following injection. Do not rest your head or lie down; sit upright.
- Ice (but avoid firm pressure) for 15 minutes, 3 times the day of treatment.
- You may take Acetaminophen/Tylenol if you experience any mild tenderness/discomfort
- Do not massage treated areas after treatment.
- After treatment there will be moderate swelling and redness with possibility of bruising.
- Avoid extended UV exposure until any redness/swelling has subsided. Apply SPF.
- Avoid strenuous exercise for 24 hours to reduce bruising. You may resume other normal activities/ routines immediately.
- Avoid laser, IPL, or skin tightening treatments of the area for a minimum of 24 hours (or as directed by your provider) after injection.
- You may continue your topical products as mentioned above 1 week after injection.