

## Treatment to Improve Facial Appearance



Besides relief from jaw pain, tension and headaches, patients see a dramatic change in appearance after 2-3 sessions of BOTOX® treatments. The square, heavy appearance of their lower face softens into a more narrow and esthetically pleasing one.

## BOTOX® Treatment for Gummy Smiles



Gummy smile refers to the excessive display of gum tissue when smiling, often considered unattractive.

### What causes a gummy smile?

- Overgrowth of the upper jaw
- Short upper lip
- Hyperactive upper lip: Most common in females
- Overgrowth of gum tissues

### What are the benefits of the Gummy Smile BOTOX® treatment?

An injection of BOTOX® above the upper lip reduces the lifting action of lip muscles, thus reducing the display of gum tissues. Treatments provide patients with a more aesthetic and beautiful smile.

### How long do treatments last?

Treatments are painless and take 2-5 minutes. The results can last between 3-4 months.

## Treatment for Black Triangles Between Teeth



Diminish the appearance of noticeable black triangles between your teeth with a minimally invasive dermal filler treatment. This simple treatment can take care of both esthetic and functional concerns.

### What causes black triangles between teeth?

- As we age, we often get recession of our gums which can lead to loss of the tissue between our teeth
- Over flossing, loss resulting in damaged gums
- Post dental work such as veneers or implants

### Who are good candidates for the black triangle dermal filler treatment?

Good candidates include people who like their teeth but are concerned with small gaps between them. Dermal fillers can help fill in these gaps, leaving the shape of the tooth alone.

### How long do treatments take and last?

Treatment takes approximately 5-10 minutes. Patients can expect the results to last 8 months or longer.

**Ask our office about beneficial dental treatments.**

**Schedule your consultation today!**



**BOTOX® &  
Dermal Filler  
Dental Treatments**

## Bruxism and TMJ Disorders

### Do you suffer from Bruxism (teeth grinding) or another TMJ condition?

Many patients see their dentist with complaints of jaw and facial pain. In many cases, this pain is caused by bruxism temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders, which are related conditions. BOTOX is a proven alternative to help you alleviate symptoms and provide instant relief.

#### Symptoms of TMJ disorders:

- Jaw pain or stiffness
- Headaches, earaches and toothaches
- Clicking or popping noises during chewing
- Severely worn teeth and/or chipped teeth
- Masseter muscle enlargement (squared jaw appearance)

## BOTOX® Treatment for TMD & Bruxism

The BOTOX® alternative treatment for TMJ disorders (TMD) and jaw tension is usually quick and effective.

#### Who is a candidate for BOTOX® Jaw Treatment?

Botox® is a safe alternative treatment for people who experience jaw tension and facial pain that is caused by muscle spasms.



*If you have tried to treat your TMJ disorder with mouthguards and other measures without improvement, ask our office about the benefits of BOTOX for TMD Treatment.*

### What are the Benefits of BOTOX® Treatment for TMD?

BOTOX® injections often provide substantial relief while reducing the ability of facial muscles to engage in problematic, excessive grinding and hyperactive activity. Botox allows muscles to perform daily activities such as talking, chewing and swallowing. In addition, the treatment can help safeguard dental health, since TMD issues can result in worn teeth and damaged gums that may require costly treatment.

#### How long does the treatment take?

The TMJ BOTOX® treatment is a non-surgical procedure performed in our dental office that takes just a few minutes.

#### How long do results last?

Most patients experience noticeable improvement within 3-5 days after their first treatment, although relief can take up to a week. Results last 3-4 months.



Often patients will experience facial pain and headaches related to their TMD condition. Botox® can also be used in areas such as the temporalis, forehead and glabellar to manage hyperactive muscles contributing to facial pain. When treating these areas for muscle management, patients will also experience wrinkle reduction as a cosmetic side effect.

Facial Fillers can prevent and alleviate a common inflammatory condition affecting the corners of the mouth (oral commissures) called **Angular Cheilitis**. Depending on underlying causes, it may last a few days or persist indefinitely. It is also called angular stomatitis and cheilosis. The condition presents with a red rash-like area with tenderness, irritation and cracking in the skin at the corners of the lips. It can be a very annoying condition since every time you eat, smile, talk or laugh; the skin tends to crack, interrupting healing. If small fragments of food get into the wound or fissure, it can further impair healing and increase the risk of secondary infection.



Botox® and Facial Fillers can also help patients with **Lip Asymmetries**. Whether genetically uneven or caused by trauma, facial injectables can be used to create more symmetrical results.

If asymmetric volume distribution of the soft tissues is contributing to the asymmetric appearance, dermal fillers can be placed to restore or add volume to a particular area. For lip asymmetry "at rest", facial fillers work best to rebalance the appearance. If the asymmetry appears when actively smiling, Botox® can be used to manage hyperactive muscles to restore balance around the lips.

