

Fillers

Q. What are injectables?

A. Injectables are a variety of non-invasive cosmetic treatments that are used to help improve the appearance of the skin. Injectables assist with volume loss, fine lines and wrinkles, as well as deeper creases and folds. Injectables may provide elastin, collagen and other nutrients to the skin to assist in a smoother, more youthful aesthetic. Some injectables, such as Botox® and Dysport®, prevent muscle contraction which leads to deeper wrinkles, while other injectables, such as fillers, plump and fill facial creases.

Q. What are dermal fillers?

A. Unlike Botox® or Dysport®, dermal fillers are an injectable substance made from natural or synthetic materials to restore the skin to a more youthful appearance. The main types of fillers are usually made of a soft hyaluronic acid gel.

Q. What is hyaluronic acid?

A. Hyaluronic acid is a naturally occurring substance found in the body that helps hydrate and add volume to the skin. As individuals age, the amount of hyaluronic acid being replaced diminishes so the moisture and plump appearance of the skin decreases. Injections of hyaluronic acid will help bring volume to lacking areas, and soften the skin.

Q. What are common areas treated with fillers?

A. Fillers are used to treat facial lines and wrinkles, add volume to the cheeks and lips, define facial features and bring moisture to the skin's texture. Common areas for filler injectables include;

- ▶ Cheek augmentation
 - ▶ Lip enhancement and plumpness
 - ▶ Lines around the mouth and chin
 - ▶ Nose and mouth lines (nasolabial fold)
 - ▶ Forehead and brow creases (glabellar lines)
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Q. Are dermal fillers approved by the Food and Drug Administration?

A. The Food and Drug Administration [FDA] has approved all dermal fillers used at all the MyLooks® clinics. The FDA approves fillers to be injected into specified areas of the face and other areas, however, these products may be used in many other areas of facial rejuvenation after a thorough evaluation by one of the MyLooks® physicians.

Q. What fillers are offered at MyLooks®?

A. Each MyLooks® location offers a unique selection of dermal fillers to assist patients in looking their best, including; Restylane®, Perlane®, Juvèderm®, Juvèderm® Ultra Plus and Belotero Balance®. They also offer two non-hyaluronic acid based fillers, Radiesse® and Sculptra® Aesthetic.

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Restylane®

Restylane® is an injectable gel that is used to fill wrinkles and define facial contours by hydrating the skin and increasing volume. For a softer appearance, Restylane® is injected around the eyebrows, and used to plump areas in the upper cheeks and lips.

Perlane®

Similar to Restylane® injectables, Perlane® helps to smooth the skin and define facial contours by adding volume. Perlane® injectables penetrate deeper into the dermis layer of the skin, and are best for more severe facial wrinkles and furrows.

Juvèderm®

Juvèderm® lasts for up to nine months to treat moderate to severe facial folds and add volume to areas such as the cheeks, chin and jawline.

Juvèderm® Ultra Plus

Used to smooth moderate to severe wrinkles, Juvèderm® Ultra Plus is a hyaluronic acid gel that is injected into facial tissue to smooth wrinkles around the nose and mouth. An injection will temporarily add volume to lacking areas and promote smoother skin.

Belotero Balance®

Belotero Balance® is used to smooth fine lines and wrinkles in select facial areas. Distinct from other dermal fillers, Belotero Balance® has unique properties that allow it to adapt to the skin tissues for deep treatments in areas such as smile lines around the mouth, but also softer, delicate lines that appear above the lip line.

Radiesse®

One of the most popular injectables to enhance volume, Radiesse® restores collagen to the skin. Collagen promotes volume, flexibility and strength for younger, healthier, radiant skin. Radiesse® is used for moderate to severe wrinkles and folds.

Sculptra® Aesthetic

To decrease the appearance of age and for a more relaxed look, Sculptra® injections are best suited for those who would like to treat shallow to deep nasal fold contours and other facial wrinkles. Sculptra Aesthetic® should not be used in the lips or in the area surrounding the eyes. It usually involves several sessions over a period of two to four months, and the results get better with time. The results improve overall facial volume and smoother skin.