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# **Procedure Code 5615 – Botox Injections**

### **Botulinum toxin**

### What is it?

Botulinum toxin A is a chemical produced by bacteria. In large doses, it causes paralysis. In smaller doses, produced in the laboratory, we use it for a number of medical indications.

### What is it used for?

We use it for cosmetic surgery. We also use it for patients with spasticity or rigidity, for example cerebral palsy where injections can help patients to move better. It is also used for nerve pain after surgery or chemotherapy. It is also used for migraines and headaches with very good research to back it up. Lastly, it is used for severe muscle spasms, for example in your back or neck.

## How is the procedure done?

The procedure is performed awake with the smallest needle possible, which is the needle used for administering insulin. It consists of about 10 to 20 injections, performed very quickly, over about 5 minutes. You can drive yourself to the procedure and you can drive herself home. There is no need to fast. The effect of Botox Lasts for about 12 weeks.