

COSMETIC FILLERS:

Do you ever wish you could ever get rid of those laugh lines or have the kissable lips you have always wanted?

Cosmetic fillers are injectable substances used to fill in or plump up wrinkles in the face. Wrinkles are due to a loss of natural collagen and fat in the underlying skin layers due to age and environment. A filler is injected directly into the skin (nasolabial folds or lips) using an ultrafine needle under local anesthesia with numbing cream or dental block. Thin skin is then plumped outward and the wrinkles in the area are reduced. The smoothing effects of the injectable filler appears immediately and lasts 6-9 months.

Collagen, Restylane, Hyaloform, Sculptra are some examples of fillers.

RESTYLANE :

It is a non-animal based synthetic filler which is considered an ideal filler. It is a naturally occurring sugar, non-allergenic that is chemically cross-linked to give it long lasting effects. It is clear, thick and very soft. It attracts the body's own water/moisture when injected. Restylane is not lumpy like other fillers such as collagen. It retains its position and shape after injection and that is why it looks so natural! Its effect last 6-9 months. Minor post-injection swelling and redness can occur which typically lasts a few days.

HYALOFORM PLUS :

It is another FDA approved hyaluronic acid and is obtained from rooster combs and then highly purified through a vigorous filtering process. Despite being from animals, it still does not require a skin test. Its effect lasts 4 -5 months as the hyaloform is gradually broken down and naturally reabsorbed by the body.

SCULPTRA:

It is made of poly-lactic acid and is a specialty filler used in conditions involving facial fat loss. Its primary use is in increasing facial volume. Sculptra can last up to 2 yrs.