



## DermaI Fillers

If you are looking for a safe, quick and cost-effective process for doing away with facial wrinkles, folds and contour lines without the discomfort of surgery, then a dermal filler treatment may just be the best for you.

DermaI fillers are injected into your skin, accentuating your natural appearance, enhancing your skin texture and quality, achieving a fresher more youthful look; smoothing out wrinkles, lines, folds and sunken cheeks. Painless to inject, dermaI fillers have consistent and predictable results, feel natural under the skin, take little time to inject, exert no downtime on the patient and have a low risk of complications. In fact the process is so comfortable and quick to professionally administer a term 'lunch-time procedures' has been coined to indicate the ease of use of this globally popular facial enhancement process now the fastest growing segment of cosmetic surgery.

DermaI fillers are most commonly used for lip enhancement (volume and contouring) diminishing wrinkles and aging lines of the face such as nose to mouth lines, so called 'sad mouth corners', 'crow's feet' aside the eyes and frown lines or forehead wrinkles. The fillers may also be used for filling aging-related facial hollows and 'orbital troughs' (under and around the eyes) as well as increasing cheek volume and contouring of the chin, forehead and nose.

While the natural process of aging can't be reversed, dermaI fillers can enhance an otherwise perfectly healthy, beautiful skin minus the wrinkles, lines and loss of volume which occur naturally to both women and men after the age of thirty five.

The most frequently used dermaI filler is Restylane (1996) the trade name for a range of non-animal sourced hyaluronic acid injectable fillers; approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for cosmetic injection into sub dermaI facial tissues and reportedly, has been used in over 11 million treatments worldwide (2010). Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm and Prevelle Silk are all trade name dermaI fillers, made of hyaluronic acid, a naturally occurring substance in humans essential to plump and youthful-looking skin.

Before Restylane, dermaI fillers were made of animal products such as bovine collagen (derived from cows), silicone (sometimes toxic), or body fat (a live and sometimes unpredictable substance). Hyaluronic acid dermaI fillers are a better option because the body already produces the chemical naturally, hardly ever causes an allergic reaction, and gives a smoother, more natural appearance.



### Frequently asked questions:

Who is it for?

What can I expect?

What does the procedure involve?

What will recovery look like?

What are the possible risks or complications?

### Who is it for?

Women and men who have visible wrinkles or lines or folds or sagging skin on their face and want to be rid of them effectively, quickly, painlessly. Dermal fillers smooth out fine lines giving back the natural firmness in cheeks, lips, jaws, the area around the eyes, nose and tear troughs. The optimal age for a patient to begin use of dermal fillers is in their 40s to early 50s.

### What can I expect?

The results of a dermal filler treatment are visible almost immediately as it is effective in instantly plumping up and smoothing out sunken facial features. Duration of the beneficial effects of this treatment depends on factors like the individual's skin type, lifestyle and age. After the initial treatment, follow-up sessions are normally recommended around every 6 to 12 months depending on the individual and the treatment. A treatment of the lips lasts about 6 months.

### What does the procedure involve?

The dermal filler treatment involves your surgeon injecting the appropriately selected filler into the facial areas which need to be treated. Before injecting a local anesthesia is administered to patients. The procedure is quick, comfortable and painless while treatments have a recovery time of 2 to 3 days.

### What will recovery be like?

There is absolutely no pain experienced by the patients during or following the injection procedure. Some patients may experience temporary swelling and numbness for a few days or a slight redness of the skin around the treated area and in very rare cases, this may be followed by swelling for twenty four to forty eight hours at maximum. Your surgeon will advise on how best to manage this temporary condition.



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### *Are there any risks involved?*

Even though side effects are rare dermal fillers should not be used in or near areas where there is or has been skin disease, inflammation or related conditions. Restylane and other brand name dermal fillers have not been tested on pregnant or breast-feeding women. During your pre-treatment consultation, you should thoroughly discuss your medical history with your practitioner.