

Hyaluronic Dermal Filler Information

Dermal Fillers are a range of products for facial beauty enhancement. They are designed to effectively reduce the appearance of unwanted wrinkles, contour and create volume, and to rejuvenate the skin.

WHAT ARE DERMAL FILLERS AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

Dermal fillers are typically a gel based on stabilized hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic acid (HA) is a substance that naturally exists in your body. The gel is injected into the skin. Dermal Fillers work by replenishing the skin's supply of hyaluronic acid, dermal fillers will rejuvenate and add volume to the skin, instantly diminishing the appearance of lines and wrinkles, and giving a natural softer look.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT TYPES OF DERMAL FILLERS?

Yes, there are several different types of dermal fillers. At Contour Dermatology we carry 4 different kinds: Restylane, Perlane, Juvederm XC, and Juvederm Voluma. Provider preference and patients expectation will determine which is the best filler for you.

WHAT AREAS CAN BE TREATED?

Hyaluronic acid products can be used to smooth away facial lines and wrinkles, create fuller lips and shape facial contours, such as cheeks and chin, and rejuvenate the skin. The most common areas treated are: nose to mouth lines (the nasolabial folds) between the eyebrows (the glabella lines) lips (adding volume and shape) cheeks and chin (shaping and contouring) back of the hands, face, and neck (skin rejuvenation). The best thing about Hyaluronic acid is that the results are instant.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

One of the great advantages of Hyaluronic acid is that the effects are long lasting but not permanent. Duration depends on many factors, such as 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. Ask your provider about Juvederm Voluma which can last up to 2 years.

ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects are minimal and typically surround to the local injection. Soreness or mild bruising, while uncommon, may occur around the injection site. Makeup may be worn after treatment, but care should be to avoid pressing or massaging the area for several hours.

WHAT IF I AM UNHAPPY WITH MY RESULTS?

Should you be unhappy with your results we can efficiently remove the dermal filler by injecting Hyaluronidase into the treated area. Hyaluronidase is an enzyme that melts hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic acid can be melted by Hyaluronidase in several days. Fortunately, it's not at all common to need to remove fillers after injections, but for some patient it's nice to know that there could be a back-up plan of filler removal if absolutely necessary.