



Patient information

Botulinum toxin treatment for protecting the eye surface (to cause drooping of eyelid)



This leaflet is for patients undergoing botulinum toxin injections to drop the eyelid (causing lid closure) to protect the eye.

What is the effect of botulinum toxin?

Botulinum toxin causes a temporary, partial or complete, paralysis (weakness) of the muscle into which it has been injected. Botulinum toxin can be used to lower the upper lid, so that the eye is closed and the cornea (clear window of the eye) is protected.

Will botulinum toxin affect my general health?

The treatment is safe and there is no risk of developing botulism or food poisoning. We have never had a patient experience any general health problem due to botulinum, but all medication carries a small potential risk of a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). There is no known risk when the treatment is given to women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, but some patients prefer to postpone treatment

until they have given birth or weaned their child.

What will happen when I attend the clinic?

If the treatment is suitable for you, you will be asked to read and sign a consent form, and you will usually receive the treatment on the same day in the clinic. You should expect to be in the clinic for the whole morning or afternoon.

What is the treatment procedure?

The eye lid skin will be cleaned with a swab, and a small injection is given slowly into the upper eye lid. This is usually tolerated well and takes less than a minute.

What happens after the injection?

You will be able to go home after the injection. You may feel an ache in the injected area and you can take a painkiller if necessary.



Saturday, 9am-5pm
Information and advice on eye conditions and treatments from experienced ophthalmic-trained nurses.

Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)

Phone: 020 7566 2324/ 020 7566 2325
Email: moorfields.pals@nhs.net
Moorfields' PALS team provides confidential advice and support to help you with any concerns you may have about the care we provide, guiding you through the different services available at Moorfields. The PALS team can also advise you on how to make a complaint.

Your right to treatment within 18 weeks

Under the NHS constitution, all patients have the right to begin consultant-led treatment within 18 weeks of being referred by their GP. Moorfields is committed to fulfilling this right, but if you feel that we have failed to do so, please contact our patient advice and liaison service (PALS) who will be able to advise you further (see above). For more information about your rights under the NHS constitution, visit www.nhs.uk/choiceinthenhs

