

# PIMA DERMATOLOGY

ADULT / PEDIATRIC / COSMETIC / LASER & SKIN SURGERY

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## DERMAL FILLERS: PRE & POST-TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS

### Pre-Treatment Instructions

- Inform your provider if you have a history of Perioral Herpes to receive advice on antiviral therapy prior to treatment.
- Avoid dental work (including standard teeth cleaning) at least 2 weeks prior to treatment and one month following treatment. Avoid oral surgery at least 4 weeks prior to treatment and one month following treatment.
- 7 DAYS BEFORE treatment (**to prevent bruising**): Avoid blood thinning over-the-counter medications such as *Aspirin*, *Motrin*, *Ibuprofen*, and *Aleve*. Also avoid herbal supplements, such as *Garlic*, *Vitamin E*, *Ginkgo Biloba*, *St. John's Wort*, and *Omega-3* capsules. Please note: If you have a cardiovascular history, please check with your doctor prior to stopping use of Aspirin.
- 3 DAYS BEFORE treatment: Avoid topical products such as Tretinoin (Retin-A), Retinols, Retinoids, Glycolic Acid, Alpha Hydroxy Acid, or any “anti-aging” products. Also avoid waxing, bleaching, tweezing, or the use of hair removal cream on the area to be treated.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages 24 hours before (or after) your treatment to avoid extra bruising.
- Do not use Dermal Fillers if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, are allergic to any of its ingredients, or suffer from any neurological disorders. Please inform your provider if you have any questions about this prior to the treatment.

### Day of Treatment

- Arrive to the office with a “clean face”. **Please do not wear makeup.** You may bring your own makeup to apply after your treatment.
- To maximize your comfort during the procedure, a topical anesthetic may be applied. In some cases, a local numbing medication will be injected into or around the area(s) to be treated.
- You may experience a mild amount of tenderness or a stinging sensation following injection.
- To ensure a smooth and even correction, your provider may massage the area(s) treated, which may cause a temporary, minimal amount of redness to your skin.

### Immediately After Treatment

- Redness and swelling are normal. Bruising may also be visible.
- You may experience some tenderness at the treatment site(s) that can last for a few hours or a few days.
- Depending upon the area(s) treated and product(s) used, you may feel “firmness” in the treated area(s) for 1 to 2 weeks after treatment. Over time, the area(s) will soften and “settle”.

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## **Post-Treatment Instructions**

- Apply an ice or cold gel pack to the area(s) treated (avoiding pressure) as this helps reduce swelling and the potential for bruising.
- Once you have adequately cooled/iced the area(s) as instructed and any pinpoint bleeding from the injection site(s) has subsided, you may begin wearing makeup.
- Avoid placing excessive pressure on the treated area(s) for the first few hours and up to 2 to 3 days; when cleansing your face or applying makeup, *be very gentle*.
- Avoid exercise or strenuous activities for the remainder of the treatment day; you may resume other normal activities/routines immediately.
- You may take Acetaminophen/*Tylenol* if you experience any mild tenderness or discomfort.
- Avoid extended UV exposure until any redness/swelling has subsided. Be sure to apply an SPF 30 or higher sunscreen.
- Wait a minimum of four weeks (or as directed by your provider) before receiving any skin care or laser treatments.
- **If you experience significant bruising following your treatment, we offer a *complimentary Pulsed Dye Laser procedure at 2 to 3 days post treatment*.** This laser can help dissipate the bruise and clear it faster.
- Untreated bruising will generally fade in 5 to 14 days.

**Please contact us at 520.795.7729 if you have any questions or concerns.**