

Frequently Asked Questions About Dermal Fillers

Below are commonly asked questions about dermal fillers. If you are asked a question and are unsure of the answer, please call Evolutions at 687-0212 or e-mail Brian Perkins at brian@evolutionsmedicalspa.com. We will answer your question as soon as possible.

What are dermal fillers?

Dermal fillers are products that are used to enhance a variety of areas in the face and work by adding volume within the skin. They are made with substances that are naturally occurring in the body and are both safe and effective. Results are instantaneous.

What areas can be treated?

Commonly treated areas include:

- The wrinkles that go from the corners of the nose to the edges of the mouth
- The wrinkles that go from the corners of the mouth downwards (“marionette lines”)
- The lips
- The upper cheek area (to create the look of higher cheek bones)
- The area just under the eye (to remove or reduce a “sunken” appearance)

The goal in treating all areas is to achieve an enhanced, but still natural looking appearance.

How long will the results last?

Results typically last 6 to 12 months or more, depending on the type of filler used.

What types of fillers may be used?

Dr. Perkins / Evolutions Medical Spa use several types of dermal fillers at OVIS.

Restylane – made with hyaluronic acid (a naturally occurring substance in your skin that helps provide fullness and elasticity). Lasts 6 - 8 months

Juvederm Ultra – made with hyaluronic acid. Lasts 6 - 8 months.

Perlane – made with hyaluronic acid. Lasts 7 - 10 months.

Juvederm Ultra Plus – made with hyaluronic acid. Lasts 7 – 10 months.

Radiesse – made with calcium-based microspheres suspended in a water-based gel. Lasts up to a year or more.

Are these treatments FDA approved? Are they safe?

Yes, all fillers used by Dr. Perkins / Evolutions Medical Spa are FDA approved. Dermal filler treatments have proven to be highly safe and effective. They have been performed on millions of people over a long period of time (Restylane has been used commercially for over 10 years in more than 10 million treatments worldwide).

What are the differences between dermal fillers and Botox / Dysport?

Though both are commonly used to treat wrinkles, Botox and Dysport treat the cause of the wrinkle (the overactive muscle) whereas dermal fillers are used to treat the symptom (the wrinkle itself). Dermal fillers can also be used to enhance other areas of the face such as the lips or the upper cheek area.

Oftentimes both Botox/Dysport and dermal fillers can be used in conjunction with each other to improve the overall result.

Are there any side effects?

The most common side effects are minor bruising and swelling in the treated area. Any swelling usually goes away within 24 hours and any bruising typically only lasts for a few days. Make-up can be worn to effectively cover up any bruising.

Does it hurt?

There are a few small “pokes” at the beginning of the treatment when lidocaine (a numbing agent) is injected. After that is done, there is typically little to no discomfort throughout the rest of the treatment.

How much does it cost?

Costs vary depending on type of filler used, how many syringes (1 or 2 are typical), and who is doing the injection.

Check the price list for specific pricing.