

BOTOX[®] in Canada

WHAT IS BOTOX[®]?

BOTOX[®] (botulinum toxin type A) is a purified protein derived from the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum* and decreases muscle activity by blocking overactive nerve impulses that trigger excessive muscle contractions or glandular activities.

BOTOX[®] is a simple, minimally invasive treatment that can deliver effective results to a wide range of patients, ranging from very compromised patients to healthy individuals who want to feel their best.

WHAT IS BOTOX[®] USED FOR?

BOTOX[®] was first approved by Health Canada in 1990 for the treatment of strabismus (crossed eyes), blepharospasm (uncontrollable blinking), and VII nerve disorder. Other approvals for the medical uses of BOTOX[®] soon followed and included indications for:

- Focal spasticity (muscle tightness that affects a small part of the body after a stroke),
- Cervical dystonia (muscle contractions in the neck),
- Pediatric cerebral palsy dynamic equinus foot deformity, and
- Axillary hyperhidrosis (excessive underarm sweating).¹

In 2001, the same product, marketed under the name BOTOX Cosmetic[®], was approved for the treatment of:

- Glabellar lines (vertical “frown lines” between the eyebrows),
- Upper facial rhytides (forehead wrinkles), and
- Lateral canthus (crow’s feet).²

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Today, BOTOX[®] benefits **21 different patient populations** across approximately **80 countries** over the past 20 years.³ The safety and efficacy of the product has been well-established in more than **11,000 patients** in more than **50 Allergan-sponsored, randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trials**. With **100 years of study** and more than **2,100 articles** in peer-reviewed, clinical publications, BOTOX[®] is one of the most widely researched medicines in the world.⁴ With more than 26 million vials of BOTOX[®] and BOTOX[®] Cosmetic distributed over the past 20 years and more than 29 million treatment sessions performed around the world, serious adverse events have been reported rarely with this product.⁵

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