

Create fuller, more supple lips and cheeks

Fuller lips and cheeks can be created using an injectable filler called Restylane. Results from Restylane treatments generally last about six to 12 months, depending on your body chemistry and where the filler is injected.

Restylane is a safe and natural cosmetic dermal filler injected into the skin to restore volume and fullness, as well as add contour, to the lips and cheeks.

Restylane is different from bovine collagen injections. Although bovine collagen is also a filler, it is derived from cows and requires an allergy test. Restylane can be administered immediately - no waiting is required. Additionally, results using Restylane have been shown to last much longer than results from using standard bovine collagen injections.

Restylane is made of hyaluronic acid, a natural substance that already exists in the human body. The hyaluronic acid in Restylane is a crystal-clear gel that is completely biocompatible with human hyaluronic acid.

Restylane maintains its shape using the body's own moisture. The hyaluronic acid in Restylane is hydrophilic or "water loving." As hyaluronic acid gradually degrades, each molecule binds to more water and over time, the same volume can be maintained with less hyaluronic acid. This ability of hyaluronic acid to bind to water is what helps provide lasting results.

Unlike rooster-derived hyaluronic acids and bovine collagen products, Restylane is free from animal proteins. This limits any risk of animal-based disease transmissions or development of allergic reactions to animal proteins. (Restylane contains trace amounts of inactive bacterial proteins and is not advisable for patients with a history of allergies to such material.)

Restylane is injected directly into the skin in tiny amounts by an ultrafine needle, resulting in minimal discomfort. The procedure is simple and convenient and results are practically instantaneous. To optimize your comfort during the short procedure, we may decide to numb the treatment area.

After your treatment, you might have some redness or swelling. This will normally last less than seven days. Sunbathing and cold outdoor activities should be avoided until any redness or swelling disappears. If you are pregnant, breastfeeding, or under 18, you shouldn't use Restylane.

You should take a few precautions before being treated with Restylane. One week prior to treatment, avoid taking St. John's Wort, high doses of Vitamin E supplements, aspirin, and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, such as ibuprofen. These agents may increase bruising and bleeding at the injection site. Also, if you have previously suffered from facial cold sores, there is a risk that the needle punctures could contribute to another recurrence. The doctor may therefore prescribe a medication that will prevent a recurrence.

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