

Beauty News And Notes

What You Need To Know Before Trying Facial Injectables

(NAPSA)—As the demand for minimally invasive procedures continues to grow, society has begun to assume that these products are all safe and that physicians are only using the best products discovered through breakthrough technology. Though a lot of times this is the truth, it is not always the case.

The science behind dermal fillers is stronger than ever, as is the competition for something new that produces great results. Before treatment with a dermal filler, you should be aware of its qualities. This brings up the question: Do you know what your filler is made of?

Nonanimal-Derived Fillers

Dermal fillers are substances that are injected just below the surface of the skin to fill in moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds, such as the lines from your nose to the corners of your mouth. These products add volume to provide a natural, youthful appearance.

Some fillers are made of substances that are also found naturally in the human body, such as hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic acid dermal fillers have become extremely popular in the last few years. A popular nonanimal-derived hyaluronic acid dermal filler, internationally known for its results, is *Perlane*®.

Perlane was FDA approved in May 2007 and was quickly adopted by dermatologists and plastic surgeons. *Perlane* adds volume to restore surface contour in facial wrinkles and folds, such as nasolabial folds, and delivers long lasting results for about 6 months.

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folds by providing volume,” said New York-based dermatologist Dr. Marina Peredo.

Filler 101: Do I Need An Allergy Test?

Some fillers on the market are derived from animals, such as cows (bovine) and pig (porcine). Fillers that are derived from animals contain animal proteins and may require allergy testing prior to their use. *Perlane*® contains no animal proteins and no allergy testing is required before use.* Ask your doctor whether the dermal filler you are considering requires an allergy test.

Educate Yourself:

- Ask the physician what fillers he or she is thinking of using and what these fillers are composed of.
- Ask if an allergy test should be done prior to the procedure.*
- Ask to see the box of the injectable filler. Many product boxes have holograms to ensure the safety and legitimacy of the products.

Important Safety

Considerations Of *Perlane*®

Perlane restores volume and fullness to the skin to correct moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds, such as the lines from your

nose to the corners of your mouth (nasolabial folds).

After your treatment, you might have some swelling, redness, pain, bruising and tenderness. This will normally last less than seven days.

Although rare, red or swollen small bumps may occur. If you have had facial cold sores before, an injection can cause another outbreak. In rare circumstances, the doctor may inject into a blood vessel, which can damage the skin. To avoid bruising and bleeding, you should not use *Perlane* if you have recently used drugs that thin your blood or prevent clotting. If you are pregnant, breastfeeding or under 18, you should not use *Perlane*.

Perlane should not be used by people with previous bad allergies, particularly to certain microorganisms known as gram positive bacteria; by people with previous bad allergies to drugs that have required in-hospital treatment; or by people with bleeding disorders. *Perlane* should not be injected anywhere except the skin or just under the skin. The use of *Perlane* at the site of skin sores, pimples, rashes, hives, cysts or infection should be postponed until healing is complete. Use of *Perlane* in these instances could delay healing or make your skin problems worse. *Perlane* is available only through a licensed practitioner. For complete product and safety information, visit www.RestylaneUSA.com.

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