

Quick Reference Guide

Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions about Artefill®

Q: WHAT IS ARTEFILL?

A: Artefill is a microsphere enhanced filler that is the lasting solution for wrinkle correction. It provides immediate, visible wrinkle correction, has a natural, elegant feel, it requires fewer injections, and it is simple, safe and effective.

Q: HOW DOES ARTEFILL WORK?

A: Upon injection, the collagen gel immediately corrects your wrinkles while acting as a carrier for the microspheres in Artefill. As your body gradually absorbs the collagen gel, the microspheres which are not absorbed create a support matrix for enduring wrinkle correction by working together with your body's own collagen.

Q: HOW DOES ARTEFILL DIFFER FROM TEMPORARY FILLERS?

A: Temporary wrinkle fillers are made of different kinds of natural or synthetic materials that are completely absorbed by the body over time. As a result of this, your wrinkle correction could start to fade after several months.

With Artefill you will see a long lasting correction due to the support matrix created by the microspheres and your body's own natural collagen.

Q: HOW LONG DOES AN ARTEFILL TREATMENT TAKE?

A: A typical Artefill treatment only takes about 15-30 minutes. It's easy to fit it into your lunch hour and you can return to your normal activities immediately.

Q: IS ARTEFILL SAFE?

A: Yes, Artefill has been proven to be a safe and effective filler for the correction of facial wrinkles known as smile lines. Over 25,000 patients have been treated with Artefill since its US launch in 2007 and there have been no product recalls and no reported safety related medical device events.

Q: WILL I NEED MORE THAN ONE TREATMENT?

A: The doctor will work with you to develop a treatment program to meet your individual needs. On average, patients need two treatments to reach full correction. The number of treatments you need will depend on the depth of your wrinkles and folds.



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Q: IS ONE TREATMENT ENOUGH TO GET THE LOOK I WANT?

A: Most people get the results they want with two treatments, depending on the depth of their wrinkles and folds, allowing for progressive enhancement. When you have your follow-up appointment in four to six weeks, you can decide if you would like to further enhance your results.

Q: ARE THE INJECTIONS PAINFUL?

A: Artefill is formulated with an anesthetic (lidocaine) for patient comfort. For additional comfort, the doctor may numb the treatment area with a topical or local anesthetic agent.

Q: ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

A: As with all injectable wrinkle fillers, you can expect mild swelling and reddening at the treatment site. These side effects are usually gone within 24 hours. Occasionally, there is mild bruising that typically disappears in three to seven days. During your initial consultation, the doctor will review your individualized treatment plan and other important considerations. Call your doctor immediately after treatment if you notice any unusual skin reactions around the treatment area.

Q: HOW MUCH DO ARTEFILL TREATMENTS COST?

A: The amount of Artefill required to correct a wrinkle varies by individual and so does the cost. During your consultation the doctor will be able to give you an estimate of your treatment costs.

Q: WHAT ARE MICROSPHERES?


A: The tiny microspheres in Artefill are made of polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA), one of the most widely used synthetic implant materials in medicine. The microspheres in Artefill remain intact at the injection site and provide long lasting wrinkle correction.

Q: WHY IS A SKIN TEST REQUIRED BEFORE TREATMENT WITH ARTEFILL?

A: The skin test is a safety precaution to ensure that you are not sensitive to the collagen in Artefill.

Q: IF I HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE COLLAGEN SKIN TEST PREVIOUSLY, DO I NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER SKIN TEST WITH ARTEFILL?

A: Yes, an Artefill skin test is required prior to treatment to make sure that you are not sensitive to the collagen in Artefill.



**Next Step:
WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
TO DISCUSS TREATMENT
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