



SKIN INSTITUTE

Dermal filler information and Aftercare sheet

Injectable cosmetic dermal fillers are used to soften wrinkles and facial folds. They are also popular for lip augmentation and restoring lost facial volume. Topical and /or local anaesthetic may be administered to numb area prior to treatment. The dermal fillers used are biodegradable and are temporary, lasting between 6-18months depending on the specific filler used.

Dermal filler product ranges used at the Skin Institute consist of:

- Juvederm
- Restylane
- Esthelis
- Emervel
- Radiesse

Possible side effects

Temporary side affects you may experience:

- Swelling and redness
- Tenderness
- Bruising
- Bumps
- Cold sores (if prone prior to treatment)

In rare cases, infection, granuloma (a small accumulation of tissue), rashes and an irreversible discoloration or scarring at injection site may occur. In extremely rare cases vascular compromise has been noted. Some areas are more high risk than others and all care is taken to minimize this risk. The compromise occurs when a vessel is either compressed by surrounding filler product or inadvertent direct injection of filler product into vessel. Your cosmetic practitioner can dissolve the dermal filler product in attempt to prevent further complications occurring from a vascular compromise.

Signs and symptoms requiring an urgent review include:

- blanched area of skin (localized pale appearance)
- increased / visible vascular network
- dark / dusky area of skin with pain
- Visual disturbance