

Code of Practice regarding: Non-Surgical Cosmetic Procedures

As a registered dentist, you have the following obligations if you administer anti-wrinkle (botulinum toxins) or dermal fillers as cosmetic treatments.

You must:

Be competent and experienced

- only provide these treatments if you have undertaken additional education and training, and you have achieved the necessary competence to provide these treatments safely;

Get informed consent from the patient

- inform your patient of your proposed treatment plan and the risks associated with treatment;
- have the patient give their informed consent before the treatment, including consent to the risks and fees involved;

Use products authorised by the Health Products Regulatory Authority

- only use products authorised by the Health Products Regulatory Authority, even if the indication that you are using it for is not authorised;
- comply with the general conditions of use in the Summary of Product Characteristics including warnings, precautions, contraindications (a specific situation in which a drug should not be used because it might be harmful to the person) and monitoring requirements when they are relevant to the proposed use;
- be aware of the conditions for the authorisation of products you use and the advice that different preparations of botulinum toxin are not interchangeable;

Make sure you are properly insured and/or indemnified

- be adequately and appropriately insured or indemnified for the risks relevant to this activity.

Guiding standards

By law, the Dental Council must guide the dental profession on all aspects of ethical conduct and behaviour (Section 66 of the Dentists Act 1985). We expect you, as a practising dentist, to meet high standards of practice and behaviour. We also expect you to uphold the good reputation of the profession in the community. It is important that you comply with our guidance. If you do not comply with this guidance, it may result in Fitness to Practise proceedings against you under the Dentists Act 1985.

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