

## Lip Enhancement

*General procedure information*

Restylane is a gel that is injected into the skin in order to add volume. It lifts up wrinkles and can add fullness to the lips. Restylane is a volume replacement filler that is very similar to a naturally occurring substance in the body and is used to replace lost skin tissue. Restylane's technical name is hyaluronic acid. This is a natural substance that is found throughout the body. It gives, for example, volume to the skin, lubricates the joints and gives the eye its shape.

### How does Restylane™ work?

A doctor injects small amounts of Restylane directly into the skin and it lifts up the wrinkle or gives more volume to the lips. Wrinkles can be raised to the level of the surrounding skin and the contours of the lips can be enhanced to the desired level.

### What kinds of areas can be treated?

The most common areas are between the eyebrows, the folds from nostril to the angle of the mouth and the lips, but other sites can also be treated.

### What results can be obtained from lip treatment?

The border can be accentuated and the lips can be given more volume.

### What areas cannot be helped by restylane?

Very deep wrinkles and some types of acne scars cannot usually be treated.

### What is treatment with restylane like?

Treatment with Restylane is a very easy and quick process. Since no allergy test is needed, the treatment can be carried out immediately and takes about 30 minutes.

### Do the injections hurt?

No, but clearly there will be some sensation from the procedure. Usually a skin cream anaesthetic is used for the treatment of wrinkles and folds. Lip treatment is quite uncomfortable and therefore a local anaesthetic is normally used.

### Can the material be removed?

No, but since Restylane is a natural material it dissolves with time.



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### **Is it safe?**

The hyaluronic acid in Restylane is almost identical to that already present in the body. Also, since the hyaluronic acid in Restylane is not made from animals, there is no risk of transmitting diseases from animals or causing allergic reactions. Immediately after the treatment site can be slightly swollen and red. This is a normal result of the injection, and generally goes away in a day or two after injection into the skin and within a week after injection into the lips.

### **Are there any other types of reactions that may occur?**

Yes. If you have previously suffered from facial cold sores, there is a risk that the needle punctures could contribute to another cold sore eruption. If you are using aspirin or any similar medication, you should be aware that these may increase the bruising and bleeding at the injection site.

### **How long does the effect last?**

Since Restylane is a substance very similar to your own skin, eventually the implant totally disappears from the body. Restylane is effective for 9 months for wrinkles and 6 months when used to plump the lips.

### **What will my skin look like without touch-up treatment?**

The correction will gradually disappear until your skin looks just as it did before the treatment. Touch-up injections will help you maintain your new appearance.