

# Injection Workbook for Adult Spasticity

Examining Patient Assessment, Advanced Anatomy, and Injection Considerations

#### **INDICATION**

## **Spasticity**

BOTOX® (onabotulinumtoxinA) for injection is indicated for the treatment of spasticity in patients 2 years of age and older.

## **Limitations of Use**

BOTOX has not been shown to improve upper extremity functional abilities or range of motion at a joint affected by a fixed contracture.

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION. INCLUDING BOXED WARNING

#### **WARNING: DISTANT SPREAD OF TOXIN EFFECT**

Postmarketing reports indicate that the effects of B0T0X and all botulinum toxin products may spread from the area of injection to produce symptoms consistent with botulinum toxin effects. These may include asthenia, generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphagia, dysphonia, dysarthria, urinary incontinence, and breathing difficulties. These symptoms have been reported hours to weeks after injection. Swallowing and breathing difficulties can be life threatening, and there have been reports of death. The risk of symptoms is probably greatest in children treated for spasticity, but symptoms can also occur in adults treated for spasticity and other conditions, particularly in those patients who have an underlying condition that would predispose them to these symptoms. In unapproved uses and approved indications, cases of spread of effect have been reported at doses comparable to those used to treat cervical dystonia and spasticity and at lower doses.

Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout.

Please see full Prescribing Information, including Boxed Warning and Medication Guide, or visit https://www.rxabbvie.com/pdf/botox\_pi.pdf



## Introduction

This workbook contains essential information regarding the use of BOTOX® for Adult Spasticity. It is designed to help hone your skills and understanding of the following areas:

- Patient identification and assessment
- Pivotal trial data, including additional insights supporting pattern-based muscle/dose selections and treatment initiation strategies
- Dilution and reconstitution guidelines

Additionally, you'll find information about resources and services provided by AbbVie as part of our commitment to support your practice.

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**CONTRAINDICATIONS** 

BOTOX is contraindicated in the presence of infection at the proposed injection site(s) and in patients who are hypersensitive to any botulinum toxin product or to any of the components in the formulation.

## **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

**Spread of Toxin Effect** 

See Boxed Warning.



# Integrate multiple approaches when assessing Adult Spasticity

## **Upper limb spasticity**

Diagnosis technique	Observations
Ask the patient what has impacted post-stroke treatment goals	"Muscle tightness" and "stiffness" are usually mentioned the most
Ask the patient if they have ever taken muscle relaxants	May indicate if another physician had noticed the spasticity
Have the patient stand up	Helps determine the effect of symptoms on balance and exposes the patient's limbs
Shake the patient's hand	Patient must extend 1 arm, allowing you to check for signs and symptoms in both limbs
Have patient raise their arms above their head and/or straight out	Allows you to quickly look for effects of spasticity on elbow, wrist, and fingers

## **Lower limb spasticity**

Ambulatory patients	Nonambulatory patients*
Evaluate all affected joints of ankle and toe in all positions: supine, seated, standing, and moving	Look for potential skin breakdown caused by spasticity
Observe and evaluate patient's gait, including gait cycle, as part of determining severity	Compare positioning when sitting vs lying down
Measure the time it takes for patient to walk a set distance or get up from seated position and walk to a set point	Determine if patient's leg position impedes transfers

<sup>\*</sup>Nonambulatory patients were excluded from the BOTOX® lower limb spasticity clinical trial.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products** 

The potency Units of BOTOX are specific to the preparation and assay method utilized. They are not interchangeable with other preparations of botulinum toxin products and, therefore, Units of biological activity of BOTOX cannot be compared to nor converted into Units of any other botulinum toxin products assessed with any other specific assay method.



# It may be time to revisit these patients' treatment plans

Do you have Adult Spasticity patients in your practice who...



Are on muscle relaxants and only call in for refills?



Are not meeting treatment goals on current therapy?



Do not follow their treatment regimen?



Have finished PT/OT sessions, but want to continue working on symptoms?



Have contraindications to certain treatment options?

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses. In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures. In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.



# Latest recommendations from professional organizations regarding Adult Spasticity treatment

## AAN Practice Guidelines 2016<sup>1</sup>



For focal manifestations of Adult Spasticity involving the upper limb, BOTOX®, abobotulinumtoxinA, and incobotulinumtoxinA should be offered (Level A) as treatment options.<sup>1</sup>



For focal manifestations of Adult Spasticity involving the lower limb that warrant treatment, BOTOX® and abobotulinumtoxinA should be offered (Level A) as treatment options.1

Recommendation Level	Definition
A	Intervention should be offered
В	Intervention should be considered
С	Intervention may be considered
U	Insufficient evidence to support or refute intervention

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported.

## **Hypersensitivity Reactions (continued)**

These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea. If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.



# Latest recommendations from professional organizations regarding Adult Spasticity treatment (continued)

## **AAPM&R CONSENSUS GUIDANCE\* 2024**

The AAPM&R Spasticity TEP recommends clinicians consider use of botulinum toxin A for management of focal upper and lower limb spasticity (SORT A).<sup>2,\*,†</sup>

**The 2024 AAPM&R consensus guidance** on Adult Spasticity was developed by the Spasticity Technical Expert Panel (TEP). They graded treatment recommendations using the Strength of Recommendation Taxonomy (SORT), a three-tier system evaluating treatment effectiveness based on evidence quality and patient outcomes.<sup>2</sup>

SORT GRADE Criteria <sup>3</sup>			
Recommendation Level	Definition		
A	Recommendation based on consistent and good quality patient-oriented evidence <sup>‡</sup>		
В	Recommendation based on inconsistent and limited quality patient-oriented evidence <sup>‡</sup>		
С	Recommendation based on consensus, usual practice, expert opinion, disease-oriented evidence <sup>§</sup> , and case series		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>Patient-oriented evidence measures outcomes that matter to patients.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

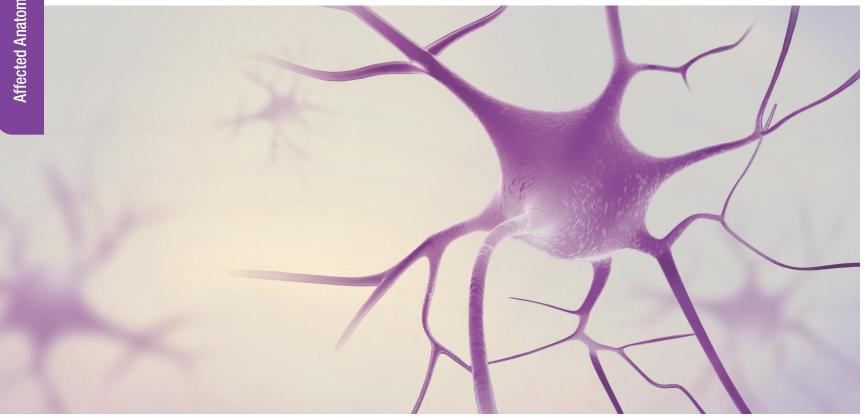
Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or neuromuscular junction disorders (eg, myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored when given botulinum toxin.

<sup>\*</sup>This consensus guidance provides clinicians with practical recommendations for Spasticity assessment and management based on the available evidence and expert opinion. Clinical judgment should be exercised, and recommendations tailored to the individual patient.

<sup>†</sup>BOTOX®, abobotulinumtoxinA, or incobotulinumtoxinA.

Disease-orientated evidence measures intermediate, physiologic, or surrogate endpoints that may or may not reflect improvements in patient outcomes.





# Affected anatomy in Adult Spasticity

- The affected anatomy content provided in this section was developed in coordination with medical professionals
- It is meant to serve as an educational resource for muscle localization and patient assessment in Adult Spasticity
- Combination postures shown in this section reflect those commonly seen in clinical practice
- Muscles cited have been identified as contributors to the specific posture:
  - Bold purple labels = Primary contributor to specified posture and approved for BOTOX®
  - Standard purple labels = Secondary contributor to specified posture and approved for BOTOX<sup>®</sup>
  - Black labels = Contributor to specified posture and not approved for BOTOX®; for anatomical reference only

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)**

## **Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders (continued)**

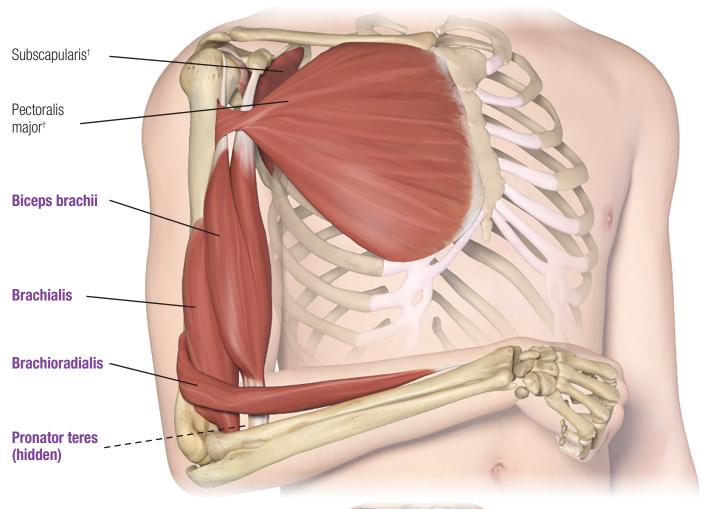
Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see Warnings and Precautions).



# Clinical presentation in upper limb

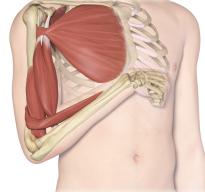
## **Upper limb posture combination\***

Flexed elbow, pronated forearm, flexed wrist, flexed fingers, thumb in palm



\*The following muscles contribute to this posture but are not shown as they are more readily identified in the anterior compartment of the forearm, which is not visible here: pronator quadratus, flexor carpi radialis, flexor carpi ulnaris, flexor digitorum profundus, flexor digitorum superficialis, flexor pollicis longus, flexor pollicis brevis, opponens pollicis, interossei, lumbricals.

<sup>†</sup>For anatomical reference only.



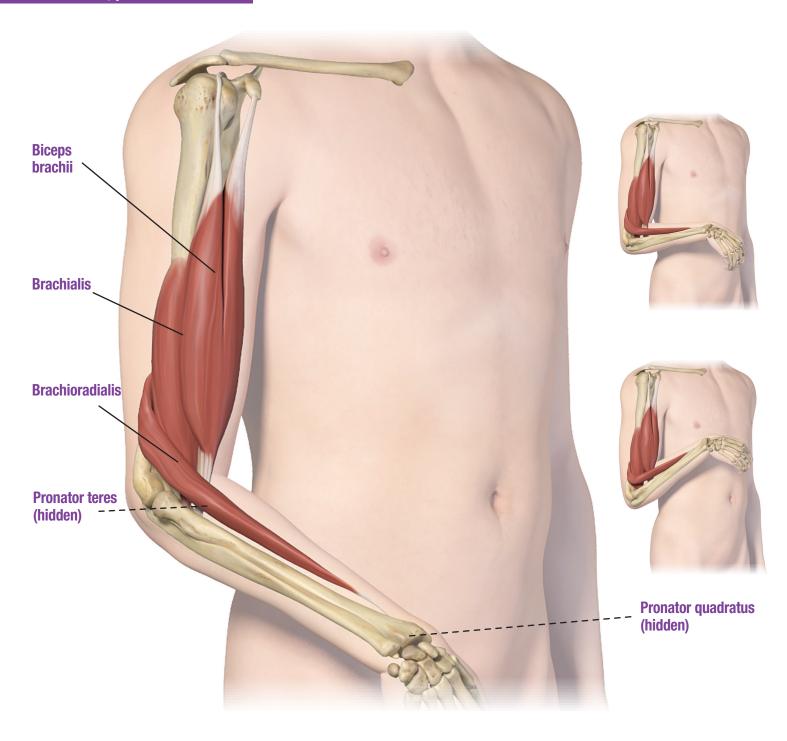
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## **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

Treatment with BOTOX and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties.



Flexed elbow, pronated forearm



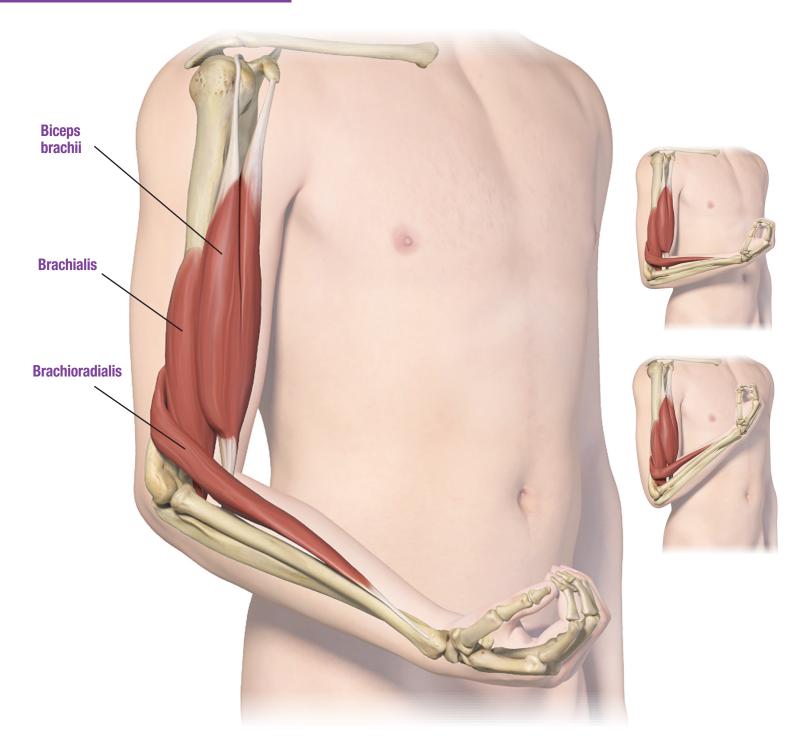
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**Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties (continued)** 

Patients with preexisting swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications.



## Flexed elbow, supinated forearm



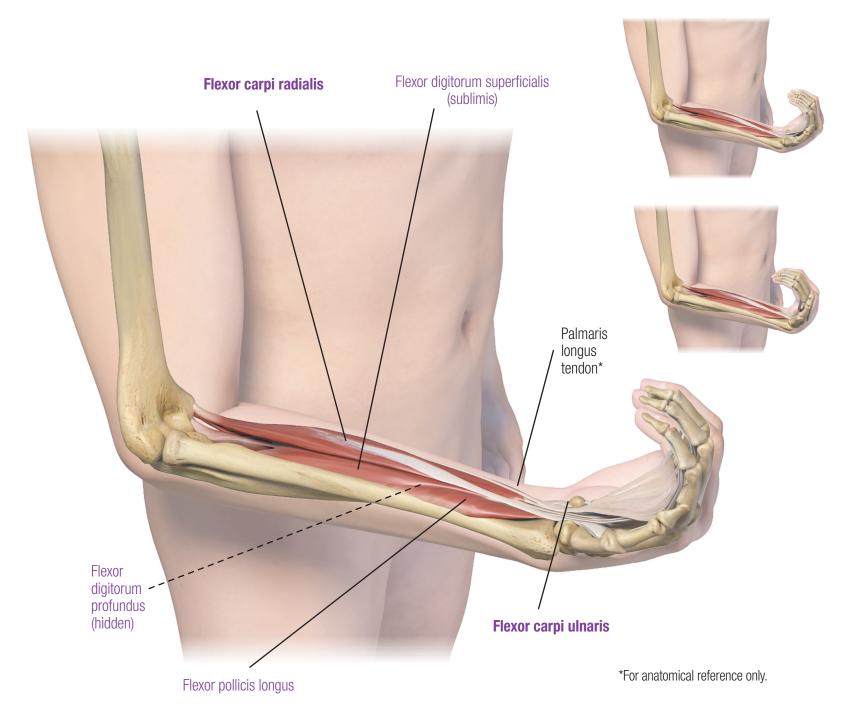
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## **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties (continued)**

In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or oropharyngeal muscles that control swallowing or breathing (see *Boxed Warning*).



## **Flexed wrist**

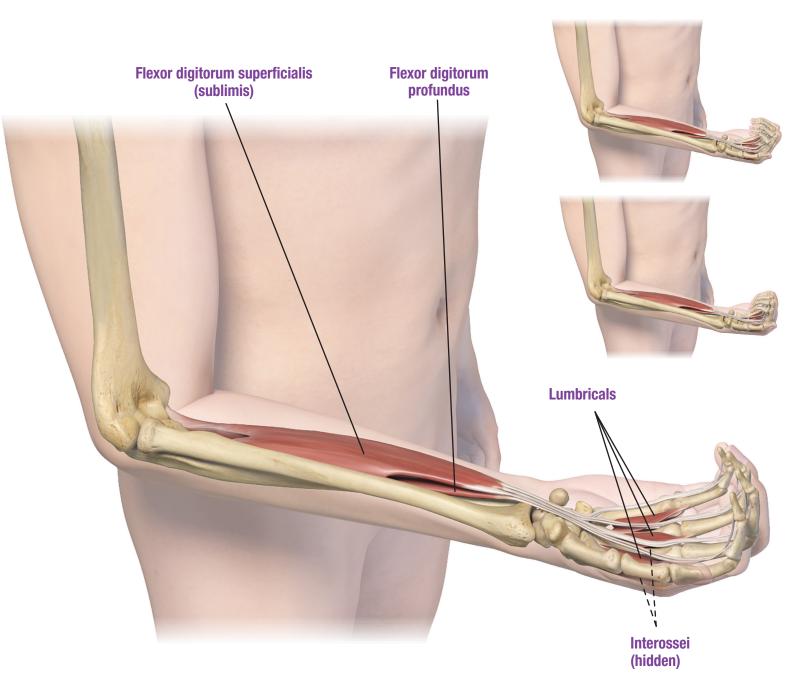


IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Pulmonary Effects of BOTOX in Patients With Compromised Respiratory Status Treated for Spasticity**Patients with compromised respiratory status treated with BOTOX for spasticity should be monitored closely.



**Flexed fingers** 



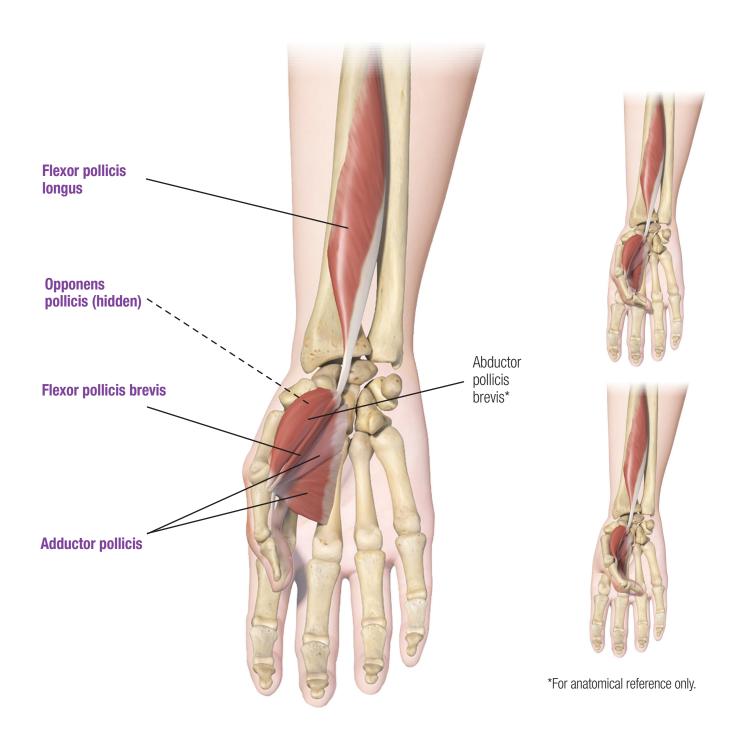
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

Bronchitis was reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in adult patients treated for upper limb spasticity with BOTOX (3% at 251 Units to 360 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%). In adult patients with reduced lung function treated for upper limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were also reported more frequently as adverse reactions in patients treated with BOTOX (11% at 360 Units total dose; 8% at 240 Units total dose) compared to placebo (6%).



## Thumb in palm



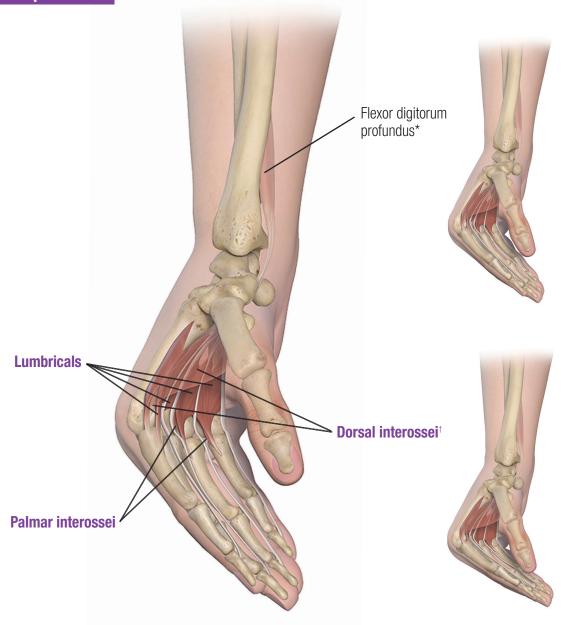
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity (continued)**

In adult patients treated for lower limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in patients treated with BOTOX (2% at 300 Units to 400 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).



## **Intrinsic plus hand**



<sup>\*</sup>The flexor digitorum profundus does not contribute to the intrinsic plus hand posture but has been included for reference as the lumbricals originate from its tendons.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases**

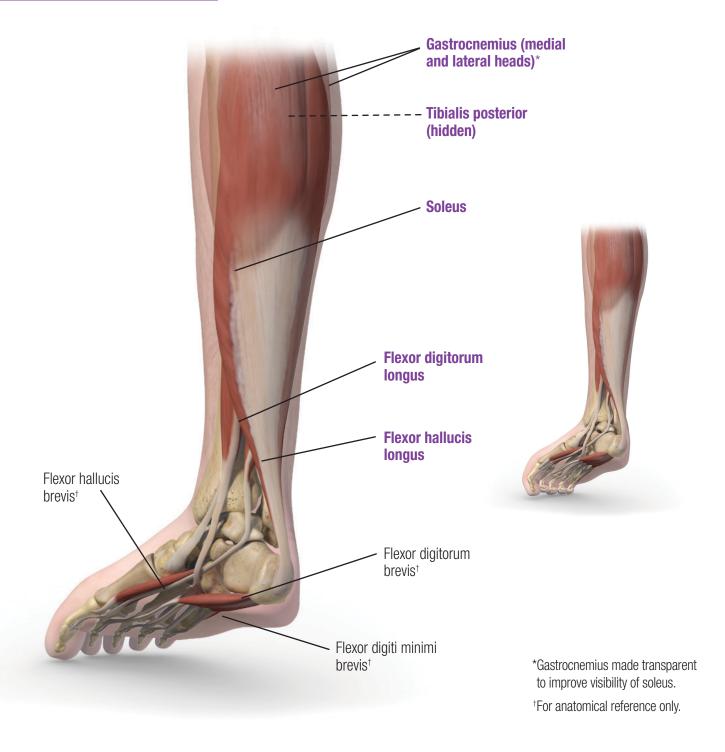
This product contains albumin, a derivative of human blood. Based on effective donor screening and product manufacturing processes, it carries an extremely remote risk for transmission of viral diseases and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would also be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.

<sup>†</sup>First dorsal interosseous made transparent to improve visibility of the lumbricals.



# Clinical presentation in lower limb

## Equinovarus foot ± flexed toes

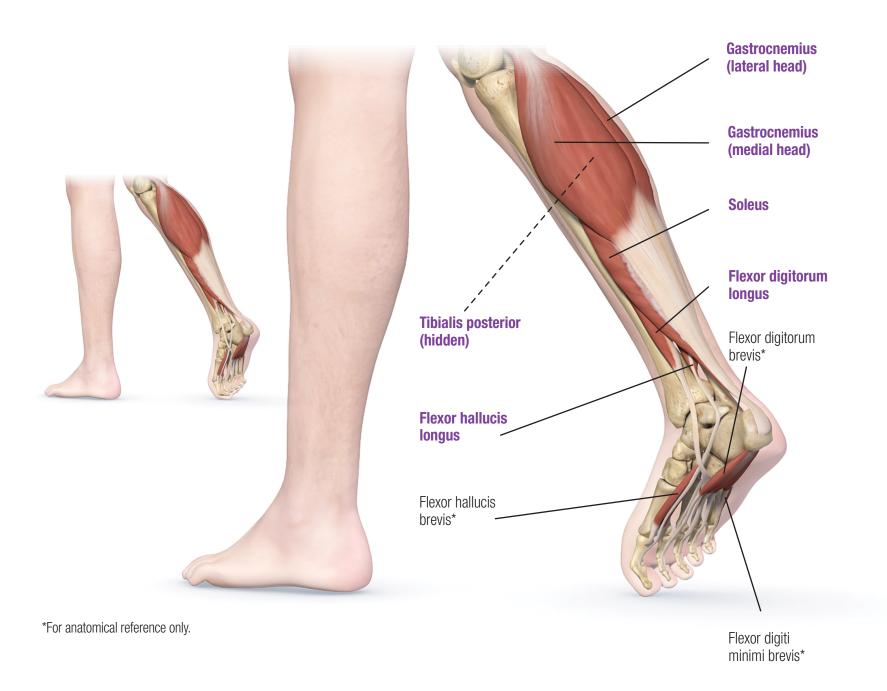


# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Adverse reactions to BOTOX for injection are discussed in greater detail in the following sections: *Boxed Warning, Contraindications*, and *Warnings and Precautions*.



Flexed ankle, flexed toes



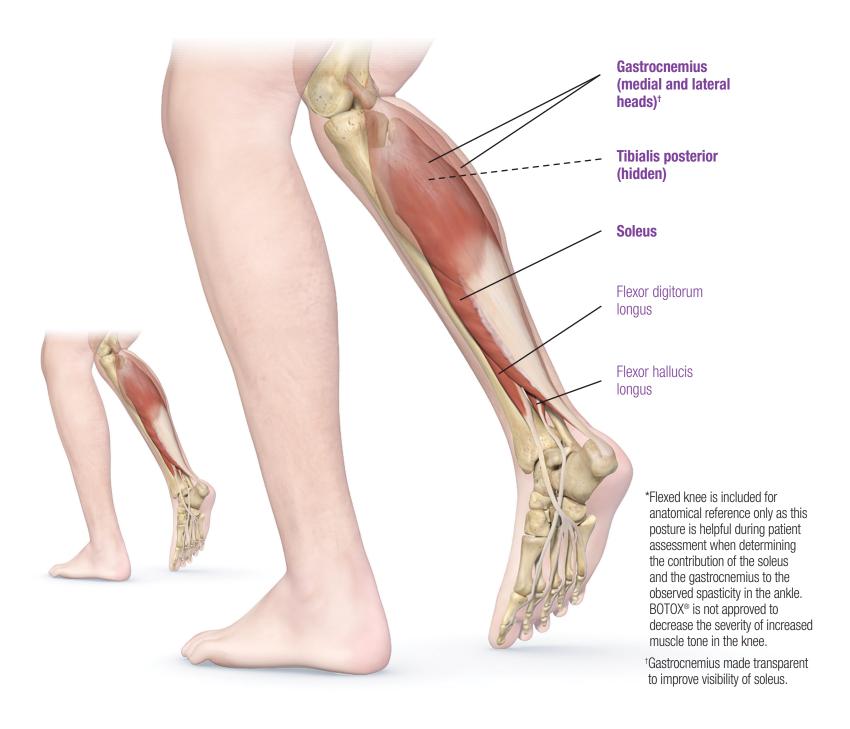
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.



## Flexed knee\*, flexed ankle



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.



## **Inverted/supinated foot**



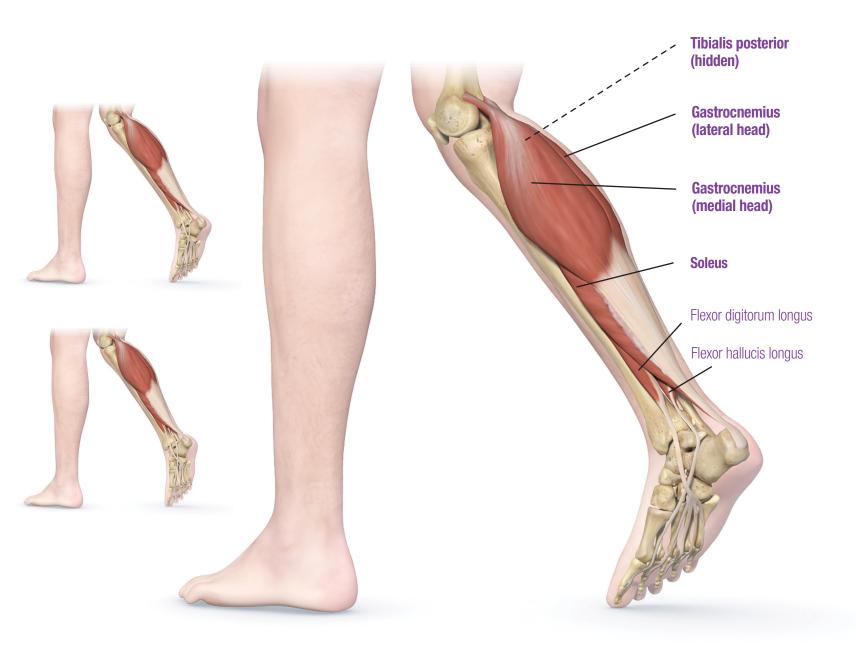
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Postmarketing Experience**

Adverse reactions that have been identified during postapproval use of BOTOX are discussed in greater detail in *Postmarketing Experience* (Section 6.3 of the Prescribing Information).



## Flexed ankle



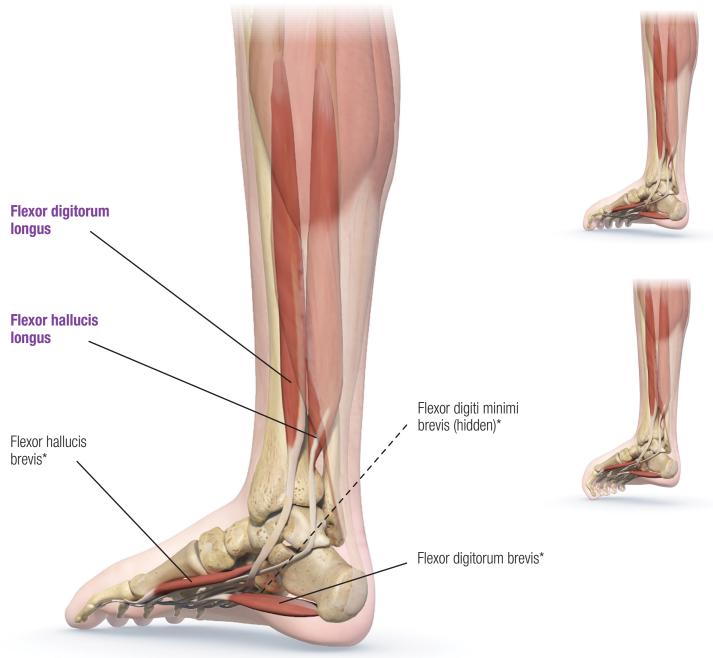
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have been spontaneous reports of death, sometimes associated with dysphagia, pneumonia, and/or other significant debility or anaphylaxis, after treatment with botulinum toxin.



## **Flexed toes**



\*For anatomical reference only.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have also been reports of adverse events involving the cardiovascular system, including arrhythmia and myocardial infarction, some with fatal outcomes. Some of these patients had risk factors, including cardiovascular disease. The exact relationship of these events to the botulinum toxin injection has not been established.



# Clinical data summary for BOTOX® in Adult Spasticity

# **Proven to improve muscle tone and treatment response in Adult Upper and Lower Limb Spasticity**<sup>4-7</sup>

Randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies in post-stroke adults

Adult ULS
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	Number of patients	Baseline Ashworth score	BOTOX® dosage	Labeled endpoints
Study 1	N = 126 BOTOX® (n = 64) Placebo (n = 62)	Wrist $\geq 3$ Finger $\geq 2$	200 Units to 240 Units	Median change from baseline in wrist flexor muscle tone (Ashworth Scale) <sup>b</sup>
Study 2	N = 91 BOTOX® (n = 65) Placebo (n = 26)	Elbow $\geq 2$ Wrist $\geq 3$	360 Units (n = 21) 180 Units (n = 23) 90 Units (n = 21)	Median change from baseline in wrist flexor muscle tone (expanded Ashworth Scale) <sup>b</sup>
Study 3	N = 88 BOTOX® (n = 69) Placebo (n = 19)	Elbow $\geq 2$ Wrist and/or Finger $\geq 3$	360 Units (n = 23) 180 Units (n = 23) 90 Units (n = 23)	Median change from baseline in elbow and wrist flexor muscle tone (expanded Ashworth Scale)°
Study 4	N = 170 BOTOX® (n = 87) Placebo (n = 83)	Wrist $\geq 3$ Finger $\geq 2$	20 Units in the adductor pollicis 20 Units in the flexor pollicis longus	Median change from baseline in thumb flexor muscle tone (modified Ashworth Scale [MAS]) <sup>d</sup>
Study 5	N = 109 BOTOX® (n = 72) Placebo (n = 37)	Wrist $\geq 3$ Finger $\geq 2$ Thumb $\geq 2$	Low-dose group (n = 14) 15 Units into the adductor pollicis 15 Units into the flexor pollicis longus High-dose group (n = 43) 20 Units into the adductor pollicis 20 Units into the flexor pollicis longus	Median change from baseline in thumb flexor muscle tone (MAS) <sup>e</sup> and Clinical Global Impression (CGI) <sup>d</sup>
Study 6	N = 124 $BOTOX^{\circ}$ (n = 61) $BOTOX^{\circ}$ + placebo (n = 63)	Elbow $\geq 3$ Finger or Wrist $\geq 2$	400 Units (n = 61) 240 Units (n = 63)	Mean change from baseline in elbow flexor muscle tone (MAS) <sup>b</sup>
Study participants received BOTOX® 240 Units in the wrist and finger flexors plus either placebo (n = 63) or an additional 160 Units of BOTOX® (400 Units total;				

n = 61) in the elbow flexors (biceps brachii, brachioradialis, and brachialis).

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS

Co-administration of BOTOX and other agents interfering with neuromuscular transmission (eg, aminoglycosides, curare-like compounds) should only be performed with caution as the effect of the toxin may be potentiated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Includes original, expanded, and modified Ashworth Scales. <sup>b</sup>Primary endpoint at Week 6. <sup>c</sup>Primary endpoint at Week 4. <sup>d</sup>Secondary endpoint at Week 6. <sup>c</sup>Other endpoint at Week 6.



# Clinical data summary for BOTOX® in Adult Spasticity (continued)

Adult LLS				
	Number of patients	Baseline MAS	BOTOX® dosage	Labeled endpoints
Study 7	N = 468 BOTOX® (n = 233) Placebo (n = 235)	Ankle ≥ 3	300 Units to 400 Units	Mean change from baseline in ankle flexor score (modified Ashworth Scale) <sup>a</sup> Mean Physician Global Assessment of Response (CGI) <sup>a</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Co-primary endpoint: Average of scores at Weeks 4 and 6.

## BOTOX® provided significant improvements in muscle tone in Adult Spasticity<sup>4</sup>

0.5- to 2-point change from baseline in Ashworth Scale\* score vs 0 to 1 point for placebo

See pages 28-43 for additional data and insights on BOTOX® for Adult Spasticity

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS (continued)

Use of anticholinergic drugs after administration of BOTOX may potentiate systemic anticholinergic effects. The effect of administering different botulinum neurotoxin products at the same time or within several months of each other is unknown. Excessive neuromuscular weakness may be exacerbated by administration of another botulinum toxin prior to the resolution of the effects of a previously administered botulinum toxin. Excessive weakness may also be exaggerated by administration of a muscle relaxant before or after administration of BOTOX.

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<sup>\*</sup>Includes original, expanded, and modified Ashworth Scales.



# Clinical data summary for BOTOX® in Adult Spasticity (continued)

## Established and well-characterized safety profile<sup>4</sup>

Adverse reactions reported by  $\geq 2\%$  of BOTOX® treated patients and more frequent than in placebo-treated patients in Adult Spasticity double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials.

Adult ULS (Studies 1-6) <sup>4</sup>					
Adverse reactions	BOTOX <sup>®</sup> 251-360 Units (N = 115) %	BOTOX <sup>®</sup> 150-250 Units (N = 188) %	BOTOX <sup>®</sup> < 150 Units (N = 54) %	Placebo (N = 182) %	
Gastrointestinal disorder Nausea	3	2	2	1	
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b> Fatigue	3	2	2	0	
<b>Infections and infestations</b> Bronchitis	3	2	0	1	
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Pain in extremity Muscular weakness	6 0	5 4	9	4 1	

For Adult ULS, 22 adult patients enrolled in double-blind, placebo-controlled studies and received  $\geq$  400 Units of BOTOX® for treatment of ULS. In addition, 44 adults received  $\geq$  400 Units of BOTOX® for 4 consecutive treatments over  $\approx$  1 year for treatment of ULS. The type and frequency of adverse reactions observed in patients treated with 400 Units of BOTOX® were similar to those reported in patients treated for ULS with 360 Units of BOTOX®. The discontinuation rate due to adverse events was 0.3% (n = 362) for BOTOX® vs 0.5% (n = 182) for placebo.<sup>4,8</sup>

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) CONTRAINDICATIONS

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# Clinical data summary for BOTOX® in Adult Spasticity (continued)

Adult LLS (Study 7) <sup>4</sup>				
Adverse reactions	BOTOX® (N = 231) %	Placebo (N = 233) %		
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Arthralgia Back pain Myalgia	3 3 2	1 2 1		
Infections and infestations Upper respiratory tract infection	2	1		
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b> Injection-site pain	2	1		

For Adult LLS, 231 patients enrolled in a double-blind, placebo-controlled study, received 300-400 Units of BOTOX®, and were compared with 233 patients who received placebo. Patients were followed for an average of 91 days after injection.

## BOTOX® is the most studied neurotoxin in the world



3,300

**Muscles** 

Patients studied<sup>9,\*</sup>

**Published papers**<sup>10,†</sup>

**Approved for** Adult Spasticity<sup>4,‡</sup>

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS Spread of Toxin Effect** See Boxed Warning.

<sup>\*</sup>Across indications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Across therapeutic indications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>BOTOX® is approved for 15 muscles in Upper Limb Spasticity and 5 muscles in Lower Limb Spasticity.



# Guiding principles for effective BOTOX® treatment planning

## PATTERN-BASED MUSCLE/DOSE SELECTION

## Select muscle/dose combinations clinically proven to help treat common postures in Adult Spasticity

- Identify the patient's posture(s)
- Determine appropriate treatment goals and set expectations
- Choose muscles and doses aimed at helping meet goals and manage postures

## Consider additional factors to help optimize muscle/dose selection

- Time since stroke
- Spasticity severity
- Caregiver input/perspective
- Additional clinical data insights (see pages 28-43)

## **SETTING PROPER GOALS AND TREATMENT EXPECTATIONS**

## Set specific and realistic goals related to key patient characteristics

- Primary symptoms/complaints
- Impact of condition on patient and exacerbating factors
- Time frame within which the patient hopes to achieve their goals

## Share important details about BOTOX® treatment plan with patients/caregivers

- BOTOX® is not a cure. It helps reduce the severity of muscle stiffness and tightness in the arms and legs due to Adult Spasticity
- Multiple injection sessions may be needed
- It's important to return for a 4- to 6-week follow-up evaluation

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products** 

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# Guiding principles for effective BOTOX® treatment planning (continued)

## **ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT PLAN**

## Reevaluate the performance of BOTOX® over initial and subsequent treatment sessions

- Goals as well as muscle/dose selections should be evaluated at each treatment, since the patient's condition may change over time
- Based on goal progress and treatment response, an adjustment in muscle/dose selections may be needed
- Patients can return for BOTOX® retreatment no sooner than 12 weeks, as soon as the clinical effect of the previous treatment has lessened

Explore additional clinical trial data on the following pages as part of your approach to BOTOX® treatment



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

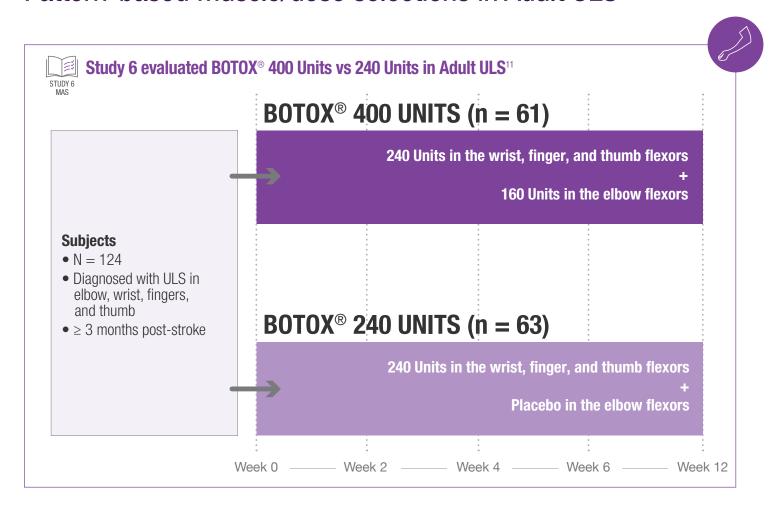
Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses. In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures. In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.

## **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea. If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.



## Pattern-based muscle/dose selections in Adult ULS



## **PRIMARY ENDPOINT**

Mean change from baseline in elbow flexor MAS score at Week 6<sup>11</sup>

## **OPEN-LABEL EXTENSION PHASE**

Up to 3 repeat BOTOX® treatments (400 Units each) through 48 weeks<sup>11</sup>

Note: The efficacy data from Study 6, presented here and in the BOTOX® label, is not related to the open-label portion of the study

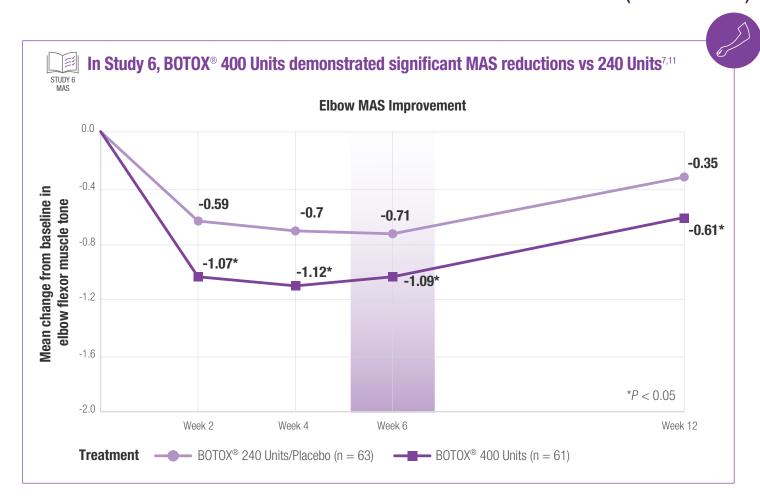
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or neuromuscular junction disorders (eg, myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored when given botulinum toxin. Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see *Warnings and Precautions*).



# Pattern-based muscle/dose selections in Adult ULS (continued)



Greater elbow MAS reductions were seen across Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 12 in patients receiving BOTOX® 400 Units vs patients receiving BOTOX® 240 Units + placebo<sup>11</sup>

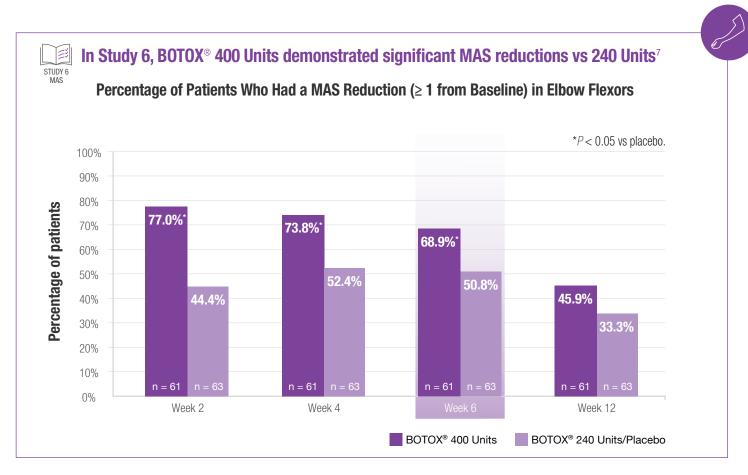
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## **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

Treatment with BOTOX and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties. Patients with preexisting swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications. In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or oropharyngeal muscles that control swallowing or breathing (see *Boxed Warning*).



# Pattern-based muscle/dose selections in Adult ULS (continued)



The responder rate analysis supports the statistically significant change from baseline in elbow flexor MAS score at Week 6. In the clinical study report, the responder rate analysis at Week 6 for elbow flexors is the primary endpoint, while change from baseline in MAS score in elbow flexors is a secondary endpoint. In the final labeling, however, mean change from baseline in elbow MAS score at Week 6 is the primary endpoint.

No new safety signals were seen in Study 611



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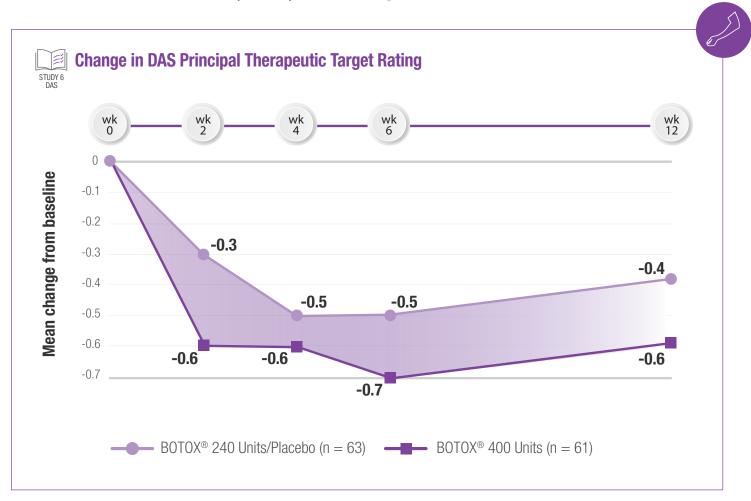
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

## **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

Bronchitis was reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in adult patients treated for upper limb spasticity with BOTOX (3% at 251 Units to 360 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%). In adult patients with reduced lung function treated for upper limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were also reported more frequently as adverse reactions in patients treated with BOTOX (11% at 360 Units total dose; 8% at 240 Units total dose) compared to placebo (6%). In adult patients treated for lower limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in patients treated with BOTOX (2% at 300 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).



# The impact of BOTOX® was studied using the Disability Assessment Scale (DAS) in Study 67,11



### STUDY DESIGN<sup>11</sup>

Study 6 was a phase 3, multicenter, randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled clinical trial for Adult ULS in patients who were  $\geq$  3 months post-stroke (n = 124). Patients received 240 units of BOTOX® in the wrist, finger, and thumb flexors plus either an additional 160 units of BOTOX® (400 Units total; n = 61) or placebo (240 Units total; n = 63) in the elbow flexors. The primary endpoint was the mean change from baseline in elbow flexor MAS at Week 6. Patients were followed for 12 weeks during the double-blind phase.

## **LIMITATIONS**7,11

The DAS principal therapeutic target was a ranked secondary endpoint. Other DAS domains were prespecified, nonranked, exploratory endpoints and not adjusted for multiplicity. Therefore, treatment difference cannot be regarded as statistically significant.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases**

This product contains albumin, a derivative of human blood. Based on effective donor screening and product manufacturing processes, it carries an extremely remote risk for transmission of viral diseases and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would also be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.



# The Disability Assessment Scale is a measure of functional impairment that encompasses 4 domains<sup>7</sup>

## Hygiene

Extent of maceration, ulceration, and/or palmar infection; palm and hand cleanliness; ease of cleanliness, nail trimming; degree of interference cause by hygiene-related disability

## **Dressing**

Difficulty/ease in putting on clothing; degree of interference caused by dressing-related disability

## **Pain Associated With Spasticity**

Intensity of pain or discomfort related to upper limb spasticity and the degree of related interference in the patient's daily life

## **Limb Position**

Degree of physical, psychological, and/or social interference due to limb position-related disability in the patient's daily life

## **Scale**

- **0** No functional disability
- 1 Mild disability; noticeable, but does not interfere significantly with normal activities
- 2 Moderate disability; normal activities require increased effort/assistance
- 3 Severe disability; normal activities are limited

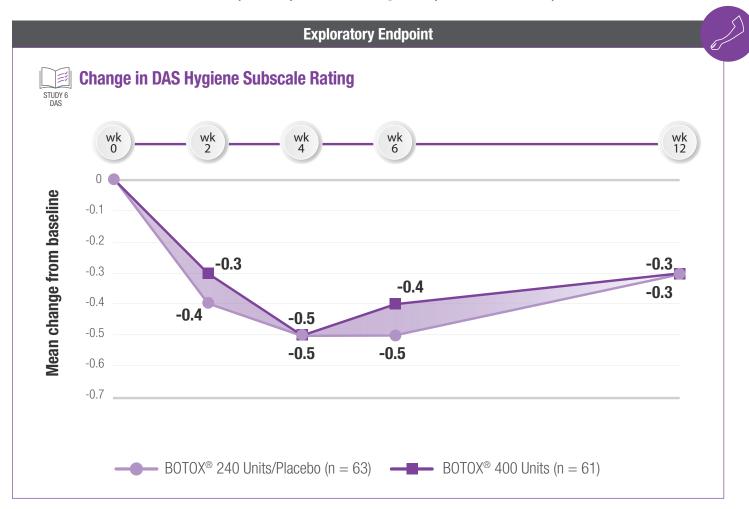
## **Principal Therapeutic Target:**

One DAS domain was selected as the primary focus for evaluation throughout the study period as agreed upon by the HCP and patient prior to the study treatment start.<sup>7,11</sup>

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions to BOTOX for injection are discussed in greater detail in the following sections: *Boxed Warning, Contraindications*, and *Warnings and Precautions*.





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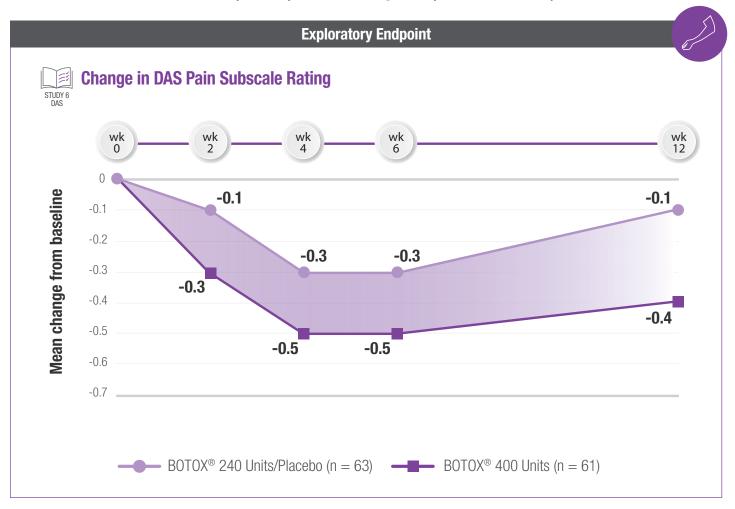
#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)** 

## **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.





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#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)** 

## **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain





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### **LIMITATIONS**7,11

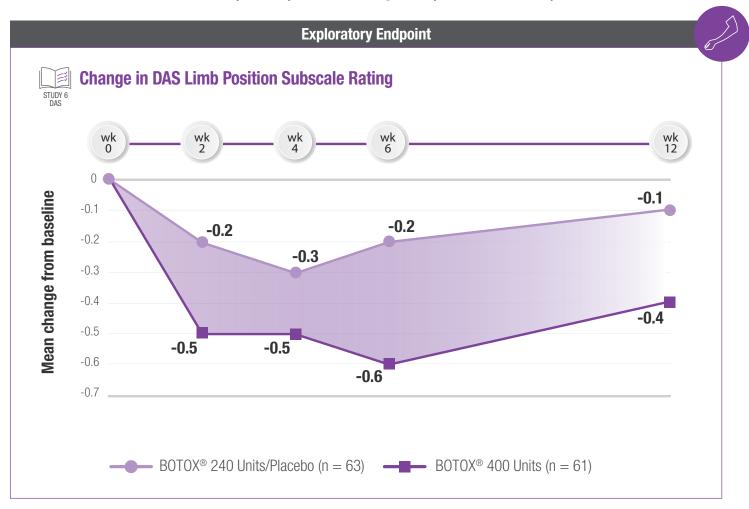
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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Postmarketing Experience**

Adverse reactions that have been identified during postapproval use of BOTOX are discussed in greater detail in *Postmarketing Experience* (Section 6.3 of the Prescribing Information).





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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have been spontaneous reports of death, sometimes associated with dysphagia, pneumonia, and/or other significant debility or anaphylaxis, after treatment with botulinum toxin. There have also been reports of adverse events involving the cardiovascular system, including arrhythmia and myocardial infarction, some with fatal outcomes. Some of these patients had risk factors, including cardiovascular disease. The exact relationship of these events to the botulinum toxin injection has not been established.



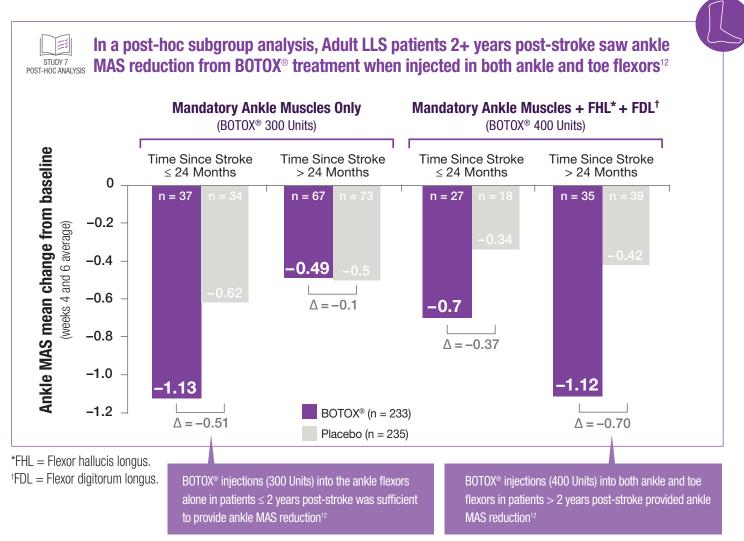
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## Pattern-based muscle/dose selections in Adult LLS



### STUDY DESIGN<sup>12</sup>

- Post-hoc analysis of the double-blind phase of the BOTOX® pivotal study for Adult LLS (REFLEX, Study 7)
- Subgroup analyses were performed on patients stratified by muscle selection (total BOTOX® dose/muscles injected) and time since stroke (≤ 2 years or > 2 years)
- Assessed impact of muscle selection patterns and time since stroke on ankle MAS and physician-assessed CGI based on change from baseline to average of Weeks 4/6 vs placebo

### **LIMITATIONS**<sup>12</sup>

- It is unclear whether the results shown were due to the additional muscles injected or the increase in total BOTOX® dose administered
- The dilution of BOTOX® used in this study (4 mL of preservative-free saline per 100-Unit vial) was higher than the dilution recommended in the BOTOX® label (2 mL of preservative-free saline per 100-Unit vial). It is unknown whether this difference in dilution would have had any effect on outcomes through diffusion

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS

Co-administration of BOTOX and other agents interfering with neuromuscular transmission (eg, aminoglycosides, curare-like compounds) should only be performed with caution as the effect of the toxin may be potentiated.



# Pattern-based muscle/dose selections in Adult LLS (continued)

Safety results from post-hoc analysis of REFLEX<sup>12</sup>

Adverse Events (AEs)	B0T0X <sup>®</sup> (n = 231)³	Placebo (n = 233) <sup>a</sup>
Pain in extremity	4.8%	4.7%
Nasopharyngitis	3.5%	3.0%
Fall	2.6%	3.9%
Back pain	2.6%	1.7%
Arthralgia	3.5%	0.9%
Injection-site pain	2.2%	0.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Two patients from each group discontinued before treatment and, therefore, were not included in the safety population.

- Treatment-emergent AEs were reported in 42% (97/231) of BOTOX®-treated patients vs 35.2% (82/233) of placebo-treated patients
  - The majority were mild or moderate and not considered to be related to study treatment
- Serious AEs occurred in 4.3% (10/231) of BOTOX®-treated patients vs 3.9% (9/233) of placebo-treated patients
  - 1 treatment-related serious AE occurred with placebo
- Discontinuations due to an AE occurred in 5 BOTOX®-treated patients vs 2 placebo-treated patients<sup>12</sup>

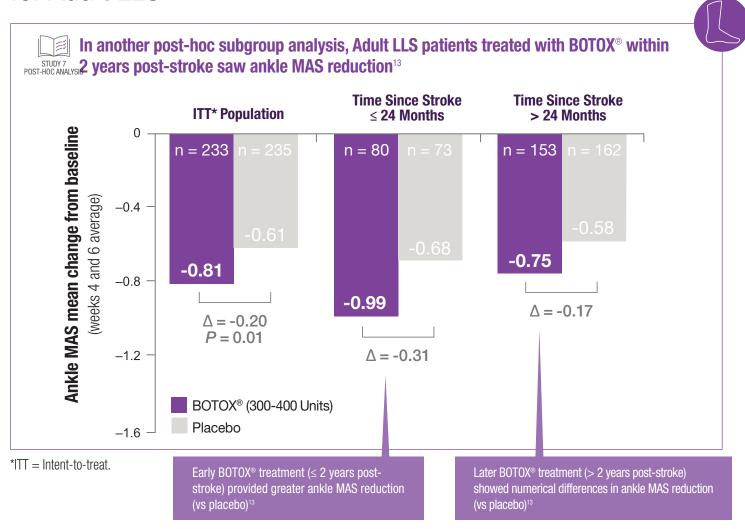
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS (continued)

Use of anticholinergic drugs after administration of BOTOX may potentiate systemic anticholinergic effects. The effect of administering different botulinum neurotoxin products at the same time or within several months of each other is unknown. Excessive neuromuscular weakness may be exacerbated by administration of another botulinum toxin prior to the resolution of the effects of a previously administered botulinum toxin. Excessive weakness may also be exaggerated by administration of a muscle relaxant before or after administration of BOTOX.

Please see full <u>Prescribing Information</u>, including Boxed Warning and <u>Medication Guide</u>, or visit https://www.rxabbvie.com/pdf/botox\_pi.pdf



# Evidence-based treatment initiation strategies for Adult LLS



### STUDY DESIGN<sup>13</sup>

- Post-hoc analysis of the BOTOX® pivotal study for Adult LLS (REFLEX, Study 7)
- Based on subgroup data from patients stratified by time since stroke ( $\leq 2$  years or > 2 years)
- Assessed impact of time to BOTOX® treatment initiation following stroke on ankle MAS and physician-assessed CGI based on change from baseline to average of Weeks 4 and 6 vs placebo

### LIMITATIONS<sup>13</sup>

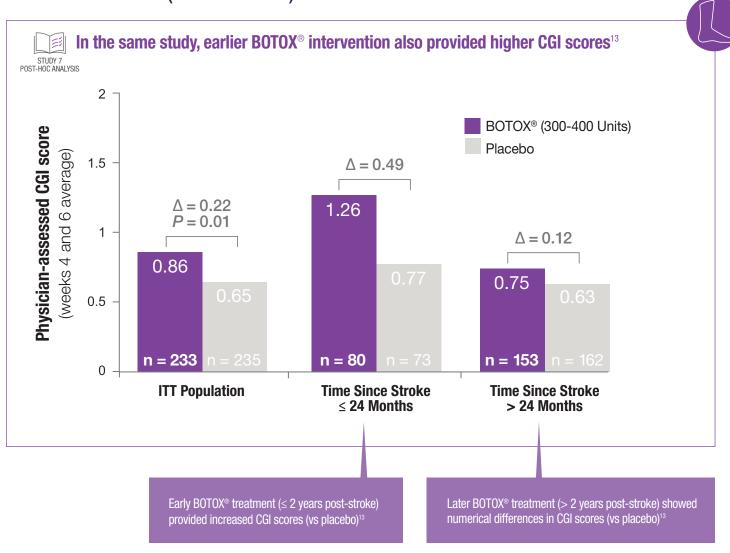
- The early/late post-stroke treatment stratification used in this post-hoc analysis (≤ 2 years or > 2 years) differed from the time points prespecified and prospectively analyzed in the original REFLEX study protocol (≤ 4 years vs > 4 years). This may be a potential limitation to this study
- The 2 patient subgroups studied in this analysis differed markedly in size and mean baseline time since stroke, representing 2 potentially very different patient populations
  - Size: n = 153 (≤ 2 years post-stroke) vs n = 315 (> 2 years post-stroke)
  - Baseline time since stroke (mean): 1.1 years (≤ 2 years post-stroke) vs 7.5 years (> 2 years post-stroke)

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) CONTRAINDICATIONS

BOTOX is contraindicated in the presence of infection at the proposed injection site(s) and in patients who are hypersensitive to any botulinum toxin product or to any of the components in the formulation.



# Evidence-based treatment initiation strategies for Adult LLS (continued)



### **LIMITATIONS**<sup>13</sup> (continued)

- Statistically significant between-group differences (ie, between time-since-stroke subgroups) could not be determined because the REFLEX study was not designed to be statistically powered for the current subgroup analysis
  - Note: This post-hoc analysis compared BOTOX® to placebo within the ankle MAS and CGI endpoints. It did not assess outcomes among the subgroups ( $\leq$  2 years vs > 2 years post-stroke)

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS Spread of Toxin Effect** 

See Boxed Warning.



# Muscles by posture in Adult Spasticity

Posture	Muscles			
	Upper limb spasticity 4, 14, 15			
Flexed elbow	<ul><li>Biceps brachii</li><li>Brachialis</li></ul>	<ul><li>Brachioradialis</li><li>Pronator teres</li></ul>		
Pronated/supinated forearm	<ul><li>Biceps brachii (supination)</li><li>Supinator (supination)*</li></ul>	<ul><li>Pronator teres (pronation)</li><li>Pronator quadratus (pronation)</li></ul>		
Flexed wrist	<ul><li>Flexor carpi radialis</li><li>Flexor carpi ulnaris</li><li>Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis)</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Flexor digitorum profundus</li> <li>Flexor pollicis longus<sup>14</sup></li> <li>Palmaris longus*</li> </ul>		
Flexed fingers	<ul><li>Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis)</li><li>Flexor digitorum profundus</li></ul>	<ul><li>Lumbricals</li><li>Interossei</li></ul>		
Thumb in palm	<ul><li>Flexor pollicis longus</li><li>Flexor pollicis brevis</li><li>Opponens pollicis</li></ul>	<ul><li>Adductor pollicis</li><li>Abductor pollicis brevis*</li></ul>		
Intrinsic plus hand	<ul><li>Lumbricals</li><li>Interossei</li></ul>	<ul><li>Abductor digiti minimi*</li><li>Flexor digiti minimi*</li></ul>		
	Lower limb spasticity <sup>4, 14, 16, 17</sup>			
Equinovarus foot	<ul><li>Gastrocnemius</li><li>Soleus</li></ul>	Tibialis posterior		
Flexed ankle	<ul> <li>Gastrocnemius</li> <li>Soleus</li> <li>Tibialis posterior<sup>13</sup></li> </ul>	<ul><li>Flexor hallucis longus</li><li>Flexor digitorum longus</li><li>Fibularis longus*</li></ul>		
Flexed toes	<ul> <li>Flexor hallucis longus</li> <li>Flexor hallucis brevis*</li> <li>Flexor digitorum longus</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Flexor digitorum brevis*</li><li>Flexor digiti minimi brevis*</li></ul>		
Inverted/supinated foot	<ul><li>Tibialis posterior</li><li>Tibialis anterior*</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Flexor hallucis longus<sup>16</sup></li> <li>Flexor digitorum longus<sup>16</sup></li> </ul>		

<sup>\*</sup>For anatomical reference only.

Prioritize which muscles/dose to inject based on the established treatment goals

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products

The potency Units of BOTOX are specific to the preparation and assay method utilized.



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products

They are not interchangeable with other preparations of botulinum toxin products and, therefore, Units of biological activity of BOTOX cannot be compared to nor converted into Units of any other botulinum toxin products assessed with any other specific assay method.



# Injection insights and considerations

### **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- The recommended dilution rate for Adult Spasticity is 2:1, meaning put:
  - 4 mL of saline into a 200-Unit vial or
  - 2 mL of saline into a 100-Unit vial
- Evaluate the anatomy, including relevant function and the effects of treatment on these muscles (eg, reducing tone), when considering muscle and dose selection
- Recognize the impact of spasticity on the anatomy, as no 2 patients are alike; muscles may be hypertrophied or atrophied, so thorough assessment of the spastic muscles is critical at each injection cycle

- Talk patients through the injection session step by step, explaining what they may experience (see, hear, and/or feel)
  - For example: "You are going to feel pressure,"
     "Now a stick and a little burning," "Okay, now we are going to move on to the next injection site," etc

# Utilize guidance techniques to help ensure proper needle placement





- Accurate needle guidance is necessary to ensure proper muscle selection
- When using E-Stim on hyperflexed muscles, passively extend the muscle to allow for flexion

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use** 

Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses.



# Injection insights and considerations (continued)

### **BEFORE INJECTION**

- Examine the patient to identify the muscles contributing to the posture(s) and spasticity
  - Isolate the involved muscles using a clinical exam as well as guidance techniques
- Verify the needle is securely fastened to the injection syringe
- Consider the type of needle/syringe to minimize the chance of the needle popping out during the injection
- Consider using Luer-Lok® syringes to prevent the leakage of BOTOX® during the injection

- Consider lining up the bevel of the needle with the gradations on the syringe so the bevel is facing upward; this will help you read the syringe when injecting
- Consider discussing the option of using cold spray to numb the injection site(s) with your patients
- Explain that some injection sites may be more sensitive than others so the pain level can vary with each injection

### **DURING INJECTION**

- An assistant may be helpful to position the patient's spastic limb and maintain stability during the injection
- Hold the skin at the injection site taut, if possible.
   Loose skin is more difficult to puncture
- It may be helpful to hold the hub of the needle with 1 hand like a pencil to ensure better control of the syringe
- Aspirate to ensure no blood return

- Consider performing all injections perpendicular to the skin, if possible, to most readily access the muscles involved
  - To optimally target the muscle, consider angulation of the injection needle and patient's limb position
- Insert the needle into the targeted muscle with consistent pressure to reduce pain at the injection site

This information provides suggestions and considerations for injection training but does not constitute professional medical advice.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use (continued)

In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures.



# Ensure your office is ready for your first BOTOX® injections

- Set up an account for BOTOX® ordering (1-800-811-4148)
- Ensure there is a refrigerator to store BOTOX® vials
- Make sure materials have been ordered:
  - 100- and/or 200-Unit BOTOX® vials
  - 25- to 30-gauge needles for superficial muscles
  - 22-gauge needles for deeper muscles
  - 21-gauge, 2-inch needles for reconstitution
  - 1-mL syringes for injections
  - Appropriately sized syringes for reconstitution
  - Single-use vials of preservative-free, 0.9% sodium chloride (saline)
  - Alcohol swabs for cleaning the rubber stoppers on the saline and BOTOX® vials
  - Adhesive bandages
  - Muscle localization guidance equipment, if needed
- Review the BOTOX® reconstitution process
- Confirm insurance plan requirements for scheduled patients to ensure appropriate chart-documentation and prior-authorization steps are met (if required)
- Call to remind patients of their scheduled injections

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use (continued)**

In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.

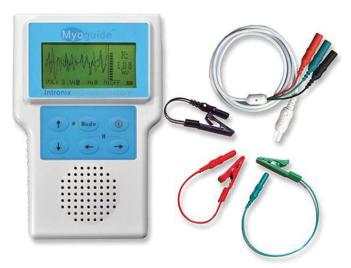


# Consider using guidance techniques for BOTOX® injections



### EMG/E-Stim<sup>18</sup>

- Can be used to help identify muscles contributing to the patient's condition
- Assists in localizing approved muscles and ensuring accurate placement of BOTOX®
- Allows the injector to direct BOTOX® into more susceptible parts of the fascicle





### **Ultrasound**19

- Enhanced precision when determining approved muscle position, depth, and size
- Continuous visualization of injection needle and local spread within the approved muscle
- Direct identification of non-targeted muscles and vulnerable structures to be avoided



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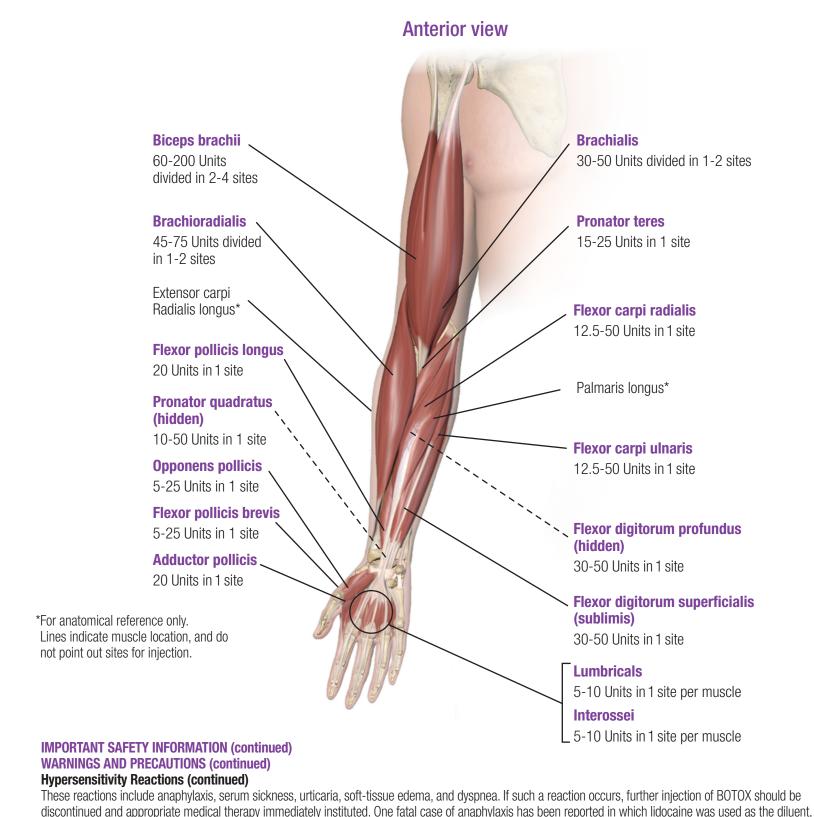
**Hypersensitivity Reactions** 

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported.



# Main muscles involved in Adult Upper Limb Spasticity

Muscles listed in purple are those approved for BOTOX® injection4



and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.

Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout.

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### **Approved Muscles Involved in Common Postures**

**Elbow flexors** 

Biceps brachii Brachialis Brachioradialis Forearm pronators

Pronator teres
Pronator quadratus

**Wrist flexors** 

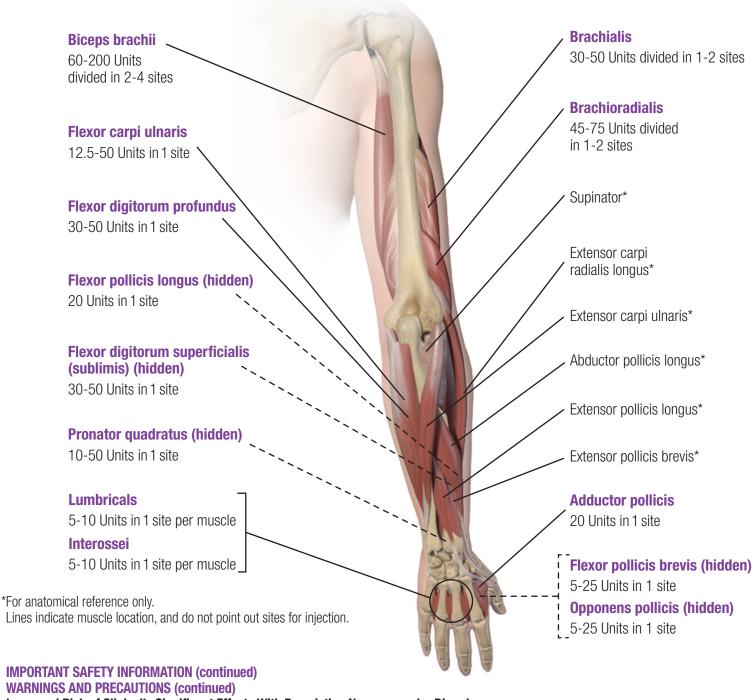
Flexor carpi radialis Flexor carpi ulnaris **Finger flexors** 

Flexor digitorum profundus Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis) Lumbricals Interossei Finger adductors/ abductors

Interossei (palmar/dorsal) Thumb flexors

Adductor pollicis Flexor pollicis longus Flexor pollicis brevis Opponens pollicis

### **Posterior view**



### Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

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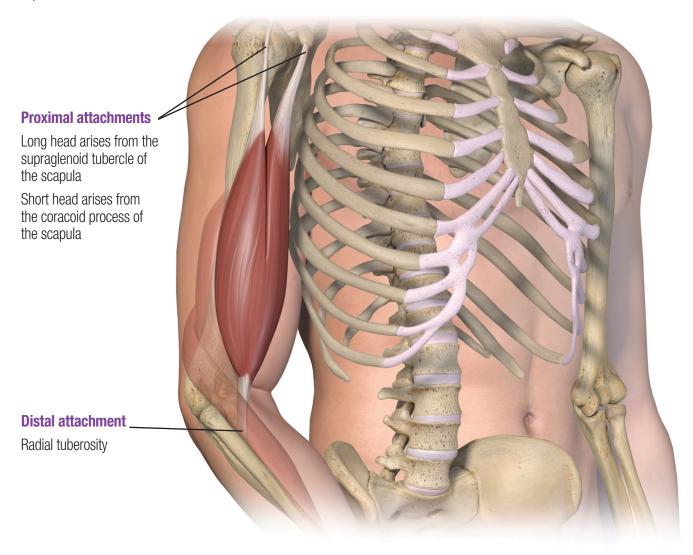


# Biceps brachii

► BOTOX® dose: 60 Units to 200 Units divided in 2-4 sites

### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Supinates the forearm and flexes the elbow



### Other muscles involved in elbow flexion/forearm supination

- Brachialis (flexion only)
- Supinator (supination only)\*
- Brachioradialis (flexion only)
   Pronator teres (flexion only)

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)**

### **Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders (continued)**

Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see Warnings and Precautions).

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# Biceps brachii (continued)



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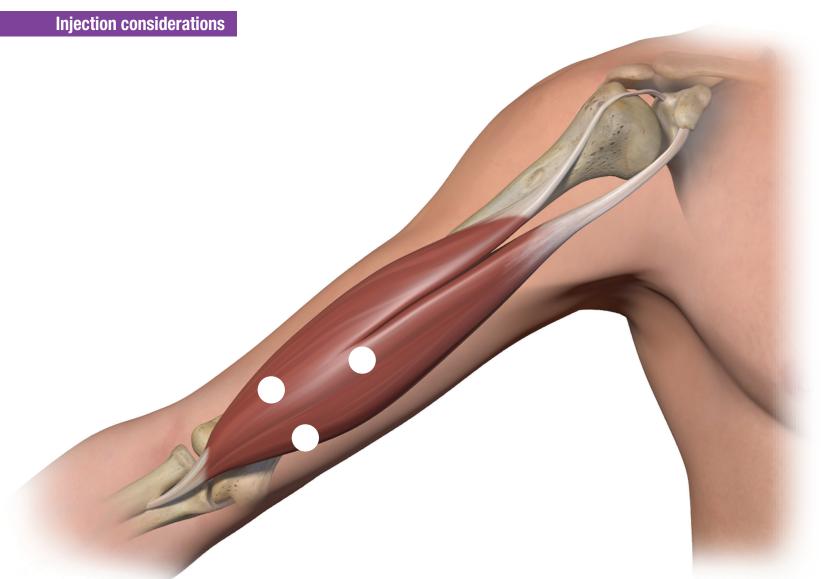
Pulmonary Effects of BOTOX in Patients With Compromised Respiratory Status Treated for Spasticity Patients with compromised respiratory status treated with BOTOX for spasticity should be monitored closely.



# Biceps brachii (continued)







Dots represent injection sites.

- Extend the forearm, if possible, and approach the muscle through the anterior aspect of the biceps to avoid the vascular areas
- Consider using an inverted V pattern at the junction of the middle and lower third of the muscle
- Biceps muscles may be thinner in some individuals

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

Bronchitis was reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in adult patients treated for upper limb spasticity with BOTOX (3% at 251 Units to 360 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity (continued)**

In adult patients with reduced lung function treated for upper limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were also reported more frequently as adverse reactions in patients treated with BOTOX (11% at 360 Units total dose; 8% at 240 Units total dose) compared to placebo (6%). In adult patients treated for lower limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in patients treated with BOTOX (2% at 300 Units to 400 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).

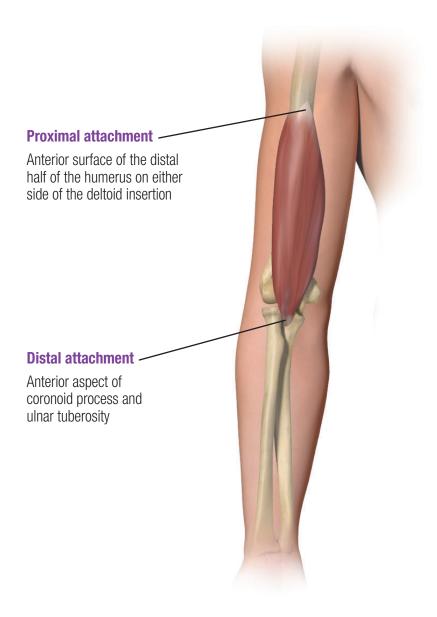


# **Brachialis**

▶ BOTOX® dose: 30 Units to 50 Units divided in 1-2 sites

### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Flexes the elbow



### Other muscles involved in elbow flexion

- Biceps brachii
- Brachioradialis
- Pronator teres

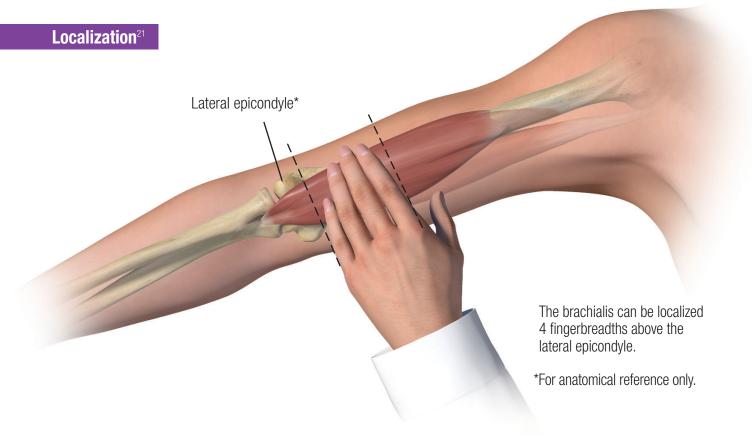
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### **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases**

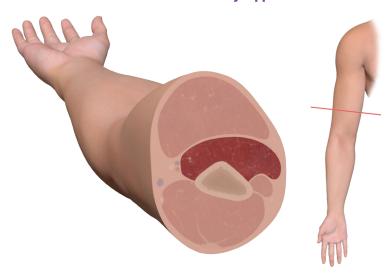
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# Brachialis (continued)



### **Cross-sectional anatomy: upper arm**



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases (continued)**

There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would also be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.

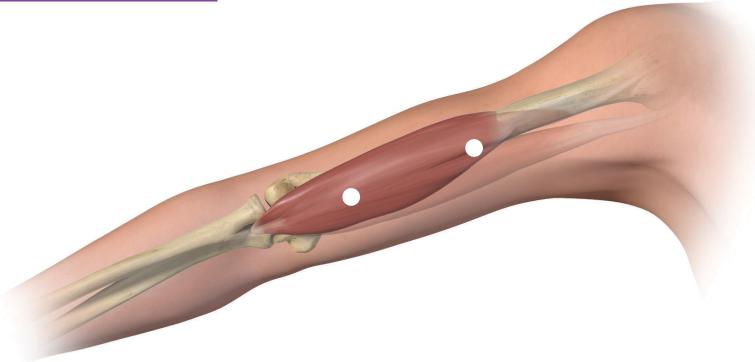


# Brachialis (continued)









Dots represent injection sites.

- Moving the bulk of the biceps medially may facilitate access to this muscle
- If possible, actively flex the elbow with the forearm fully pronated to help localize
  - Use minimal resistance for this maneuver to avoid activating the biceps
- Ultrasound is recommended when injecting this muscle
  - Helps with targeting the midbelly (which is more distal) and avoiding the neurovascular bundle
  - Helps to visually differentiate this muscle from the biceps
- It may be helpful to consider the 3 approved elbow flexors (biceps brachii, brachialis, brachioradialis) collectively when determining which approved BOTOX® dose to use
- If the needle is inserted too medially, it may end up in the biceps

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions to BOTOX for injection are discussed in greater detail in the following sections: Boxed Warning, Contraindications, and Warnings and Precautions.

### **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.

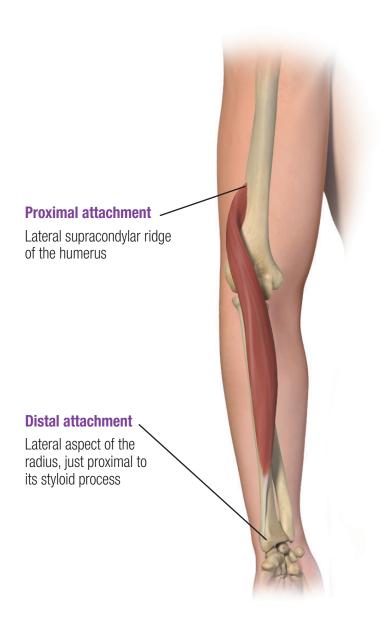


# Brachioradialis

► BOTOX® dose: 45 Units to 75 Units divided in 1-2 sites

### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Flexes the elbow



### Other muscles involved in elbow flexion

- Biceps brachii
- Brachialis
- Pronator teres

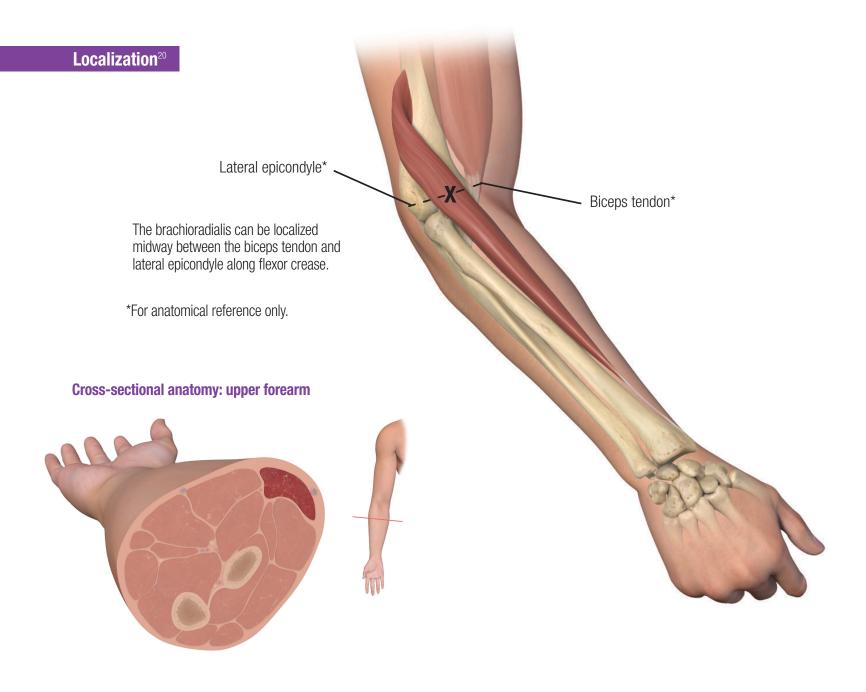
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience**

Adverse reactions that have been identified during postapproval use of BOTOX are discussed in greater detail in *Postmarketing Experience* (Section 6.3 of the Prescribing Information).



# Brachioradialis (continued)



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have been spontaneous reports of death, sometimes associated with dysphagia, pneumonia, and/or other significant debility or anaphylaxis, after treatment with botulinum toxin. There have also been reports of adverse events involving the cardiovascular system, including arrhythmia and myocardial infarction, some with fatal outcomes. Some of these patients had risk factors, including cardiovascular disease. The exact relationship of these events to the botulinum toxin injection has not been established.



# **Brachioradialis** (continued)





### **Injection considerations**

Consider spacing the injection sites 2 cm apart and inserting the needle perpendicular to the muscle





- If possible, actively flex the elbow with the forearm in the neutral position to help localize
- Consider positioning the needle perpendicular to the muscle during injection
- When targeting this muscle, keep the following anatomical notes in mind:
  - It can act as a supinator or pronator from the extremes of these positions, bringing the forearm into the neutral position
  - It forms the lateral boundary of the antecubital fossa
- It may be helpful to consider the 3 approved elbow flexors (biceps brachii, brachialis, brachioradialis) collectively when determining which approved BOTOX® dose to use
- If the needle is inserted too laterally, it may end up in the wrong muscle



Co-administration of BOTOX and other agents interfering with neuromuscular transmission (eg, aminoglycosides, curare-like compounds) should only be performed with caution as the effect of the toxin may be potentiated. Use of anticholinergic drugs after administration of BOTOX may potentiate systemic anticholinergic effects. The effect of administering different botulinum neurotoxin products at the same time or within several months of each other is unknown. Excessive neuromuscular weakness may be exacerbated by administration of another botulinum toxin prior to the resolution of the effects of a previously administered botulinum toxin. Excessive weakness may also be exaggerated by administration of a muscle relaxant before or after administration of BOTOX.

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### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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### **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **Spread of Toxin Effect**

See Boxed Warning.

### Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products

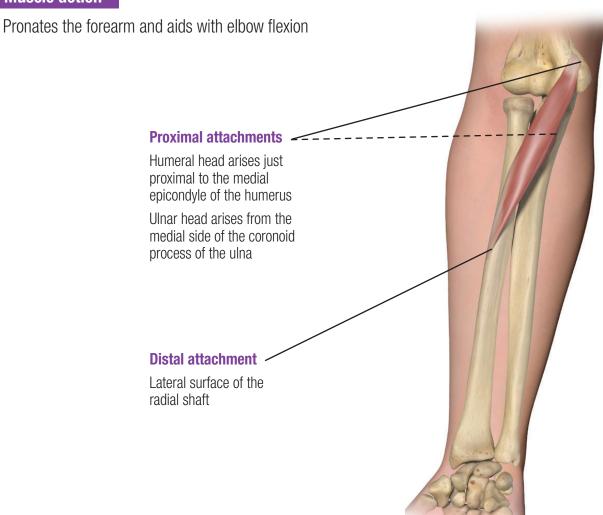
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# **Pronator teres**

▶ BOTOX® dose: 15 Units to 25 Units in 1 site

### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>



### Other muscles involved in forearm pronation and/or elbow flexion

- Pronator quadratus (pronation only)
- Biceps brachii (flexion only)
- Brachialis (flexion only)
- Brachioradialis (flexion only)

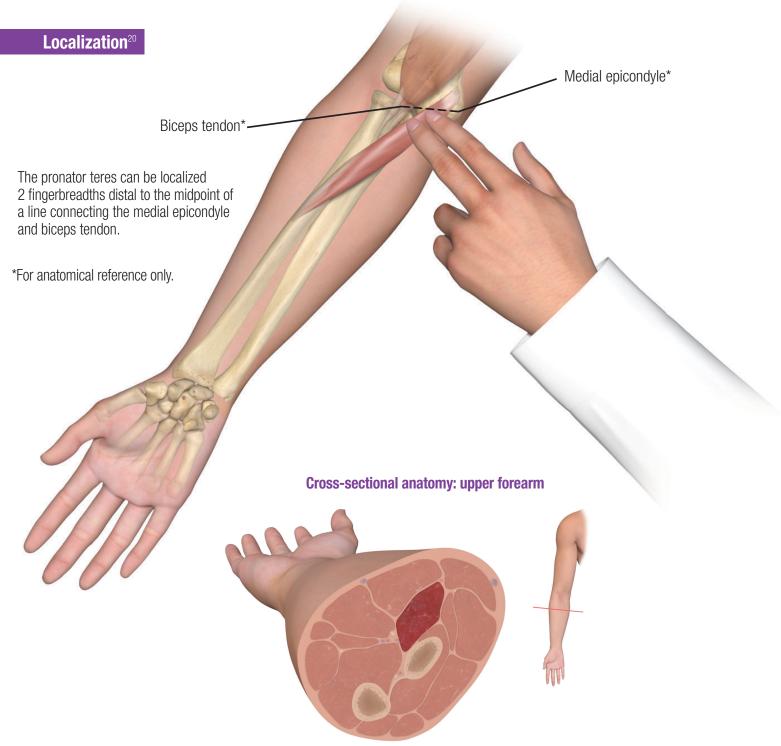
# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses. In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures. In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.



# Pronator teres (continued)



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea. If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.



# Pronator teres (continued)







IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or neuromuscular junction disorders (eg, myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored when given botulinum toxin.

the flexor carpi radialis in the proximal portion of the forearm

consider injecting these muscles together, starting with the pronator teres, which is superficial to



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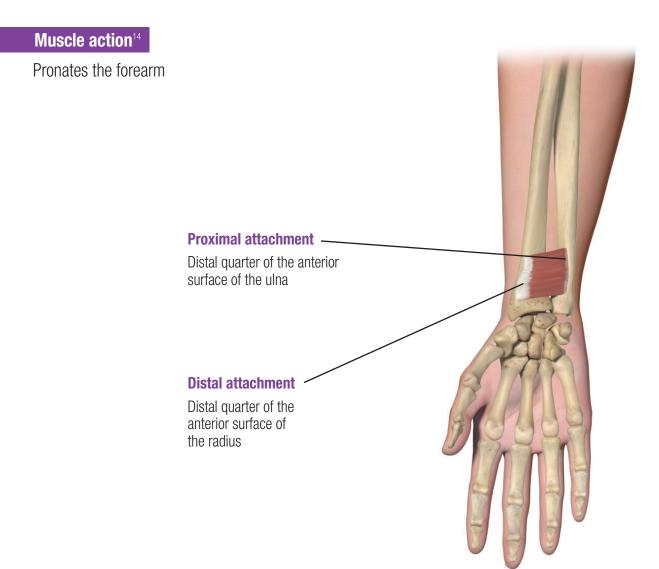
**Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders (continued)** 

Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see *Warnings and Precautions*).



# Pronator quadratus

▶ BOTOX® dose: 10 Units to 50 Units in 1 site



## Other muscle involved in forearm pronation

Pronator teres

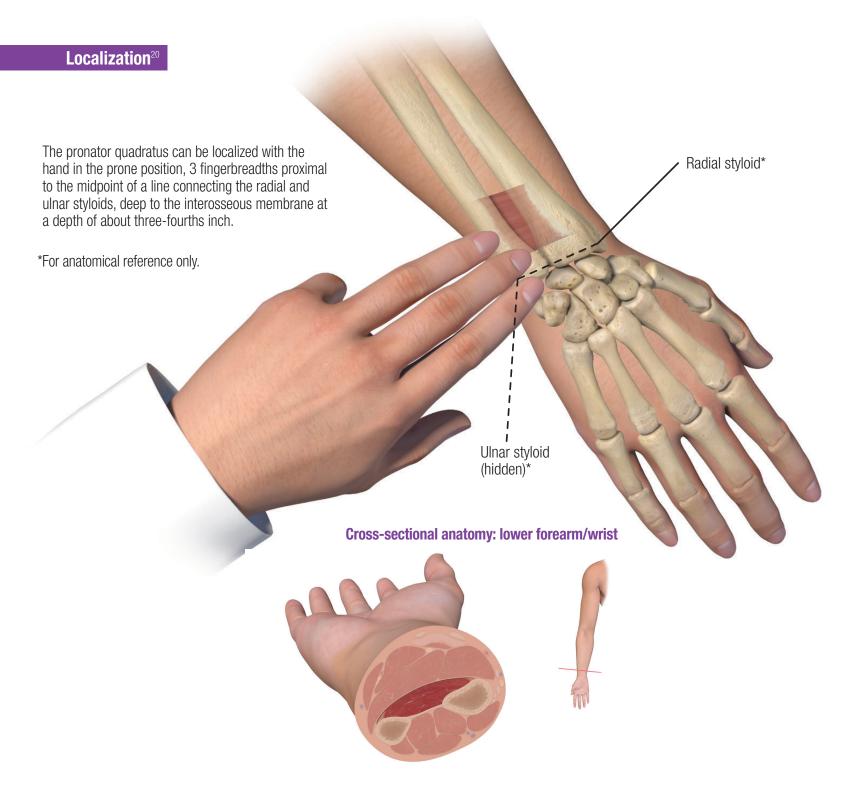
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### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

Treatment with BOTOX and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties. Patients with preexisting swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications. In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or oropharyngeal muscles that control swallowing or breathing (see *Boxed Warning*).



# Pronator quadratus (continued)



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

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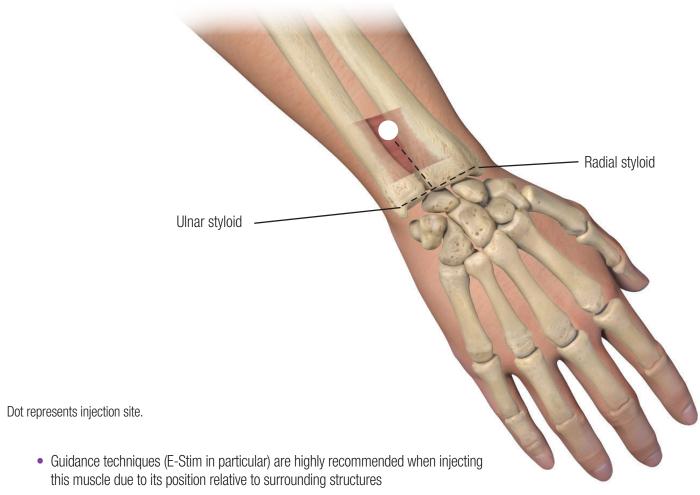


# Pronator quadratus (continued)





### **Injection considerations**



- This muscle is the weaker of the 2 pronators and should be targeted when deemed necessary by the physician
- Localization is critical to avoid inadvertently injecting the wrong muscles
- Consider a dorsal approach to help avoid neurovasculature
- Note that the deep muscle fibers of this muscle act as a binder between the radius and the ulna

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity (continued)**

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# Flexor carpi radialis

► BOTOX® dose: 12.5 Units to 50 Units (1 site)

### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Flexes the wrist and abducts (radially deviates) the hand

### **Proximal attachment**

Medial epicondyle of the humerus (via the common flexor tendon)

### **Distal attachment**

Palmar surface of the base of the second metacarpal



### Other muscles involved in wrist flexion/abduction

- Flexor carpi ulnaris (flexion only)
- Flexor digitorum superficialis (flexion only)
- Flexor digitorum profundus (flexion only)
- Flexor pollicis longus (flexion only)
- Palmaris longus (flexion only)\*
- Extensor carpi radialis longus (abduction only)\*
- Abductor pollicis longus (abduction only)\*
- Extensor pollicis longus (abduction only)<sup>20,\*</sup>

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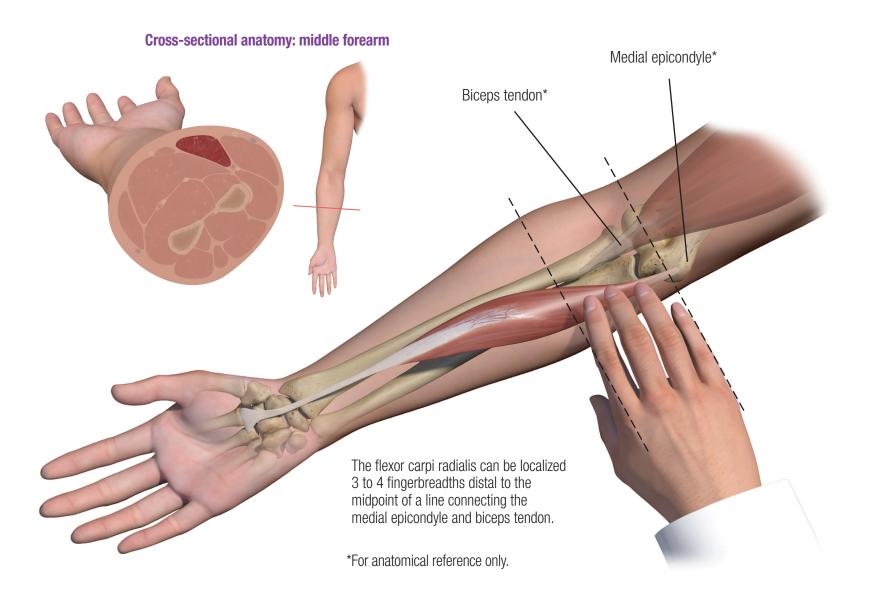
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# Flexor carpi radialis (continued)

### **Localization**<sup>20</sup>



# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS**

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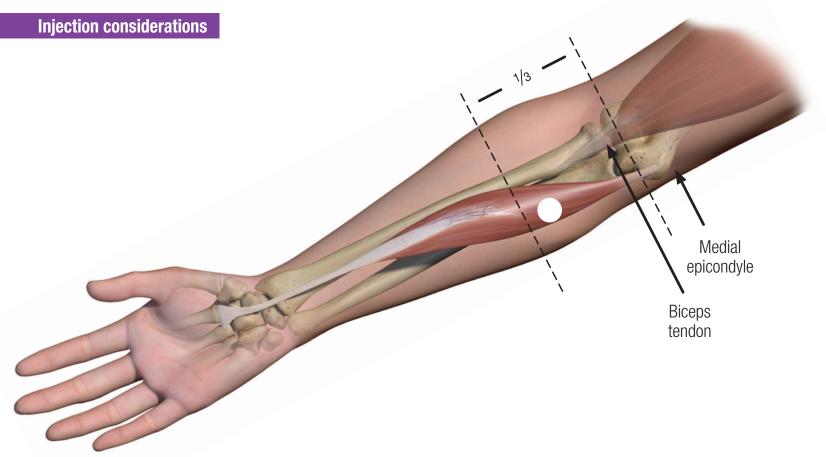


# Flexor carpi radialis (continued)









Dot represents injection site.

- If possible, place the forearm in a neutral position, put 1 finger on the bicep tendon and 1 finger on the medial epicondyle, bisect the line, and palpate the muscle with passive flexion
- Consider injecting in the proximal 1/3 of the forearm, in the largest part of the muscle
  - If you are in the mid forearm, you may be in the wrong muscle
- Avoid going too deep to avoid inadvertent injection of neighboring muscles

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)**

### **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

## **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.



# Flexor carpi ulnaris

► BOTOX® dose: 12.5 Units to 50 Units (1 site)

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Flexes the wrist and adducts (ulnarly deviates) the hand

### **Proximal attachments**

Humeral head arises from the medial epicondyle (via the common flexor tendon). Ulnar head arises from the olecranon and proximal two-thirds of the ulna

### **Distal attachments**

To the pisiform and further to the hamate and fifth metacarpal



## Other muscles involved in wrist flexion/adduction

- Flexor carpi radialis (flexion only)
- Flexor digitorum superficialis (flexion only)
- Flexor digitorum profundus (flexion only)
- Flexor pollicis longus (flexion only)
- Palmaris longus (flexion only)\*
- Extensor carpi ulnaris (adduction only)\*

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience**

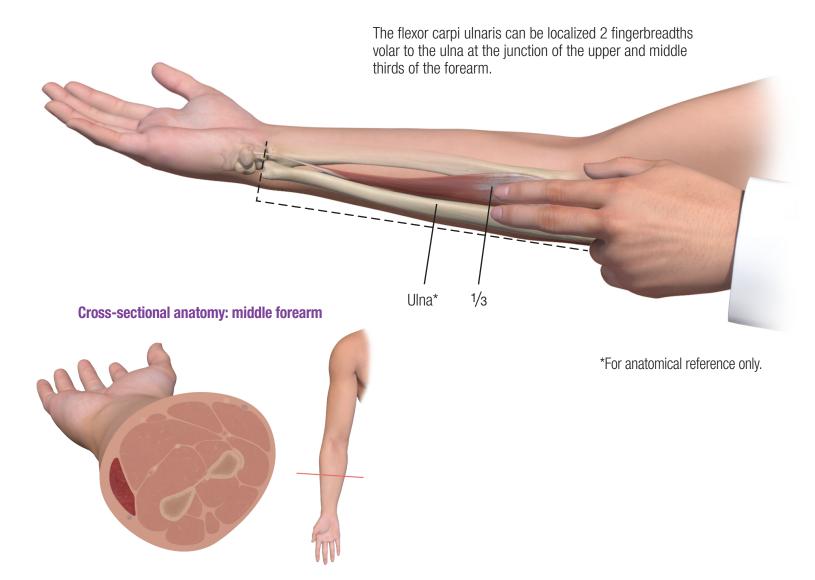
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# Flexor carpi ulnaris (continued)

## Localization<sup>20</sup>



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have been spontaneous reports of death, sometimes associated with dysphagia, pneumonia, and/or other significant debility or anaphylaxis, after treatment with botulinum toxin. There have also been reports of adverse events involving the cardiovascular system, including arrhythmia and myocardial infarction, some with fatal outcomes. Some of these patients had risk factors, including cardiovascular disease. The exact relationship of these events to the botulinum toxin injection has not been established.



# Flexor carpi ulnaris (continued)





**Injection considerations** 



Dot represents injection site.

- If possible, position the limb in a comfortable position and localize using 2 fingerbreadths volar to the ulna
- Consider targeting the injection site in the ulnar portion of the volar forearm
- This muscle is very thin and superficial, so be aware of the surrounding nerves, arteries, and veins that are in the trajectory of the needle path

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**DRUG INTERACTIONS** 

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS (continued)

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# Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis)

► BOTOX® dose: 30 Units to 50 Units (1 site)

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

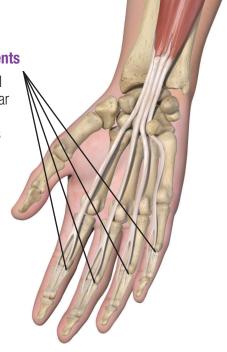
Primarily finger flexion of proximal interphalangeal (PIP) joints, but can also flex any or all of the joints over which it passes including metacarpophalangeal (MCP) joints

### **Proximal attachments**

Humeroulnar head arises from the medial epicondyle of the humerus and coronoid process of the ulna. Radial head arises from the proximal half of the anterior border of the radius

### **Distal attachments**

Medial and lateral sides of the palmar surface of the middle phalanges



## Other muscles involved in finger flexion

- Flexor digitorum profundus
- Lumbricals (MCP joints)
- Interossei (MCP joints)

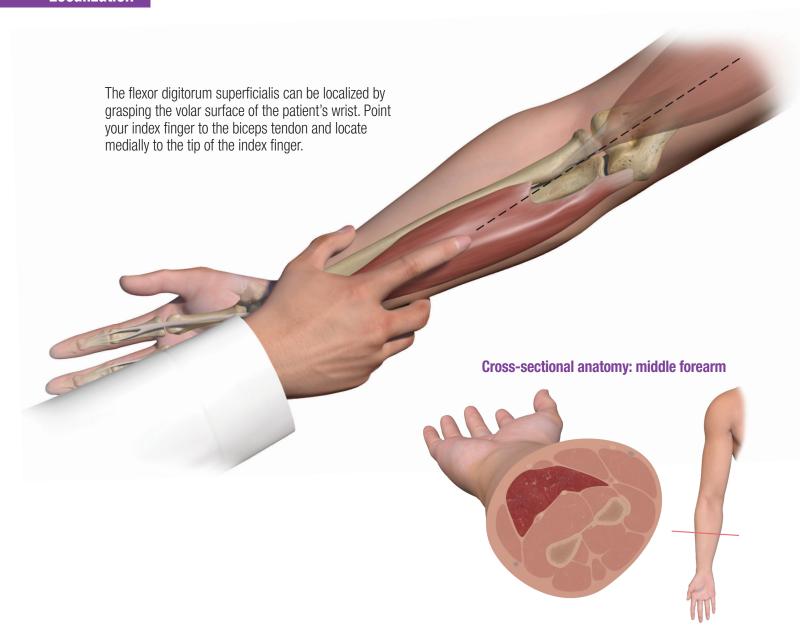
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# Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis) (continued)

## **Localization**<sup>20</sup>



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**Spread of Toxin Effect** 

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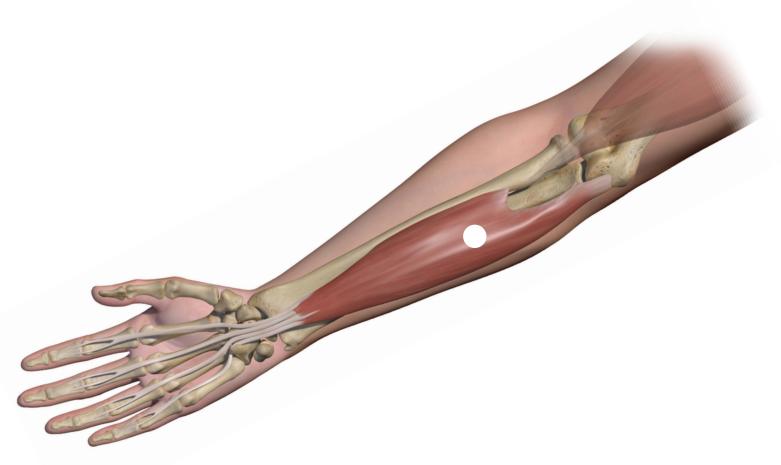


# Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis) (continued)





**Injection considerations** 



Dot represents injection site.

- Target this muscle when the PIP joints are spastic
- The finger flexors are located in the middle third to half of the forearm. Localization of this muscle may be difficult
- Passively extend the PIP joints to help localize the muscle. The use of E-Stim is highly recommended
- Once the muscle has been anatomically localized, use EMG and/or E-Stim guidance to further identify the muscle
- If the fingers can be stretched out, it makes identifying the superficialis and profundus with E-Stim easier

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products** 

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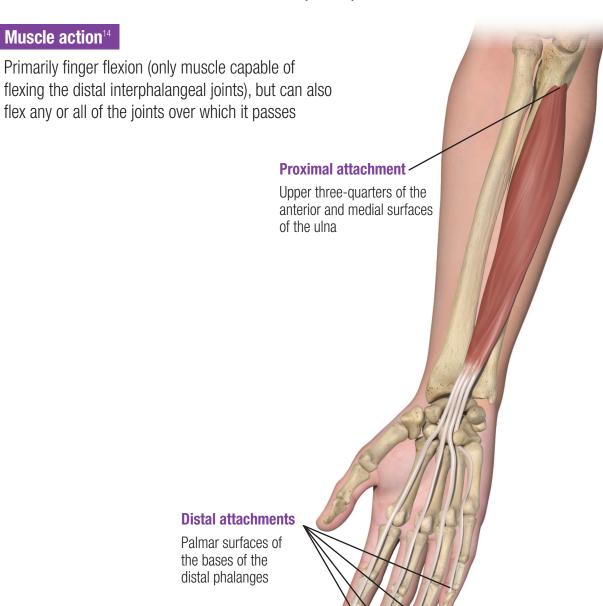
### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

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# Flexor digitorum profundus

► BOTOX® dose: 30 Units to 50 Units (1 site)



## Other muscles involved in finger flexion

- Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis)
- Lumbricals (MCP joints)
- Interossei (MCP joints)

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

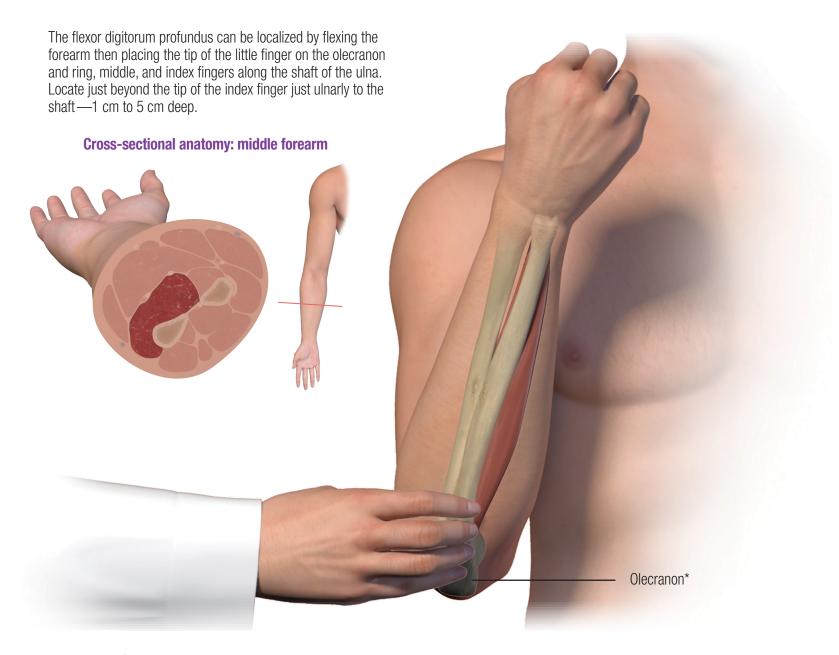
### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use (continued)**

There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.



# Flexor digitorum profundus (continued)

## Localization<sup>20</sup>



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea. If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.



# Flexor digitorum profundus (continued)







Dot represents injection site.

- If possible, position the elbow bent and forearm vertical
- Consider injecting proximal toward the elbow, at the largest part of the muscle. Note that the muscle is deeper in the anatomy of the arm
- If there is more spasticity in fingers 2 and 3, advance your needle more laterally
- The finger flexors are located in the middle half of the forearm. Target this muscle when the distal interphalangeal joints are closed
- Be aware of the surrounding nerves, arteries, and veins that are in the trajectory of the needle path

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or neuromuscular junction disorders (eg, myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored when given botulinum toxin. Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see *Warnings and Precautions*).



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

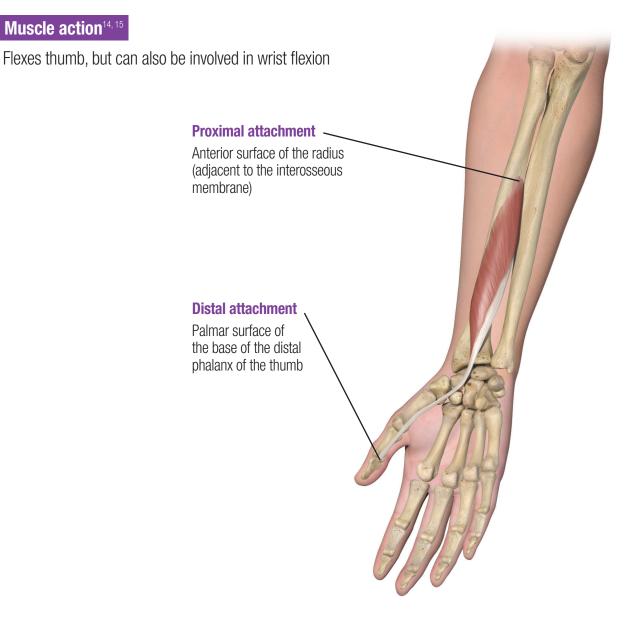
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# Flexor pollicis longus

► BOTOX® dose: 20 Units (1 site)





## Other muscles involved in thumb flexion or wrist flexion

- Flexor pollicis brevis (thumb flexion)
- Flexor carpi ulnaris (wrist flexion)
- Opponens pollicis (thumb flexion)
- Flexor carpi radialis (wrist flexion)

**IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)** 

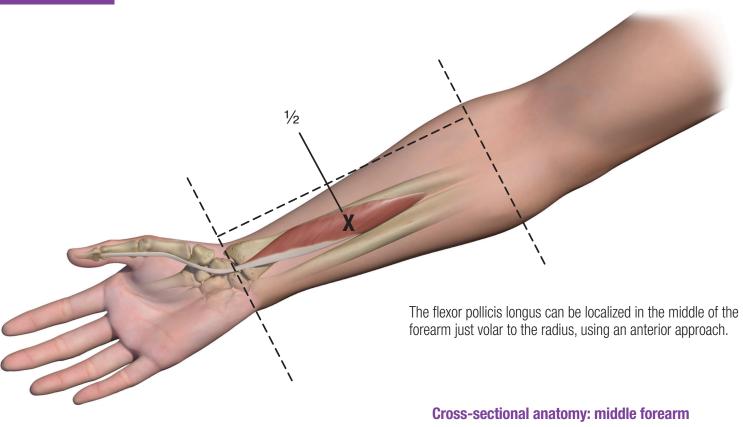
Pulmonary Effects of BOTOX in Patients With Compromised Respiratory Status Treated for Spasticity

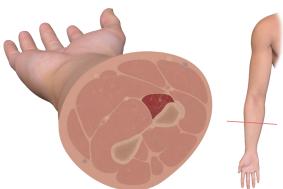
Patients with compromised respiratory status treated with BOTOX for spasticity should be monitored closely.



# Flexor pollicis longus (continued)

## **Localization**<sup>20</sup>





## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

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# Flexor pollicis longus (continued)





## **Injection considerations**



- When localizing this muscle, note that more active parts may be more distal in spastic patients
  - Use passive maneuvers to help localize. EMG and/or E-Stim guidance is highly recommended
  - Stabilize the joints prior to injection
- It may be helpful to palpate the radius and then slide to the ulnar side of the radius. Consider inserting the needle volar and lateral to the midline about two-thirds the distance of the forearm from the medial epicondyle

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)**

### **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases**

This product contains albumin, a derivative of human blood. Based on effective donor screening and product manufacturing processes, it carries an extremely remote risk for transmission of viral diseases and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would also be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.



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# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS**

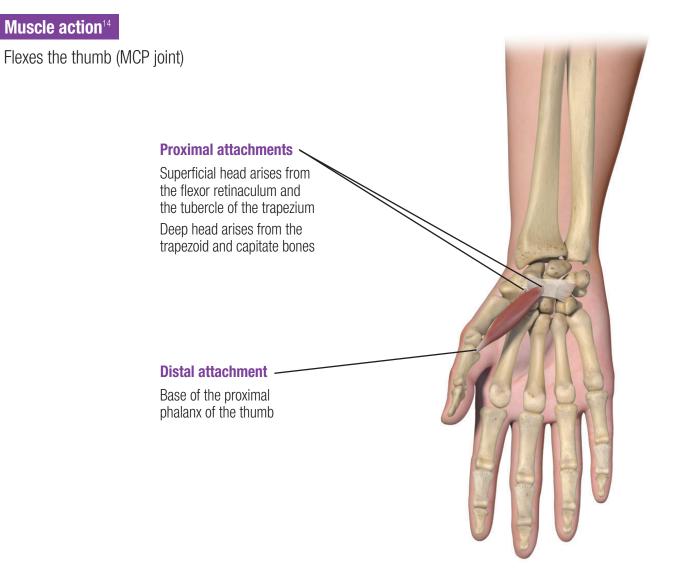
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# Flexor pollicis brevis

▶ BOTOX® dose: 5 Units to 25 Units in 1 site

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>



## Other muscles involved in thumb flexion

Flexor pollicis longus

Opponens pollicis

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)**

### **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.



Flexor pollicis brevis (continued)



The flexor pollicis brevis can be localized by drawing a line between the ulnar aspect of the MCP joint and the pisiform. The muscle can be found at the junction between the middle and radial thirds of this line at a depth of one-fourth to one-half inch.

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Pisiform\*-





IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)
ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.

Please see additional Important Safety Information throughout.

MCP joint\*

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# Flexor pollicis brevis (continued)

## **Injection considerations**





Dot represents injection site.

- Advise the patient that this may be a painful injection
  - Consider using a 30-gauge needle
  - Consider utilizing a distractive strategy during injection (eg, pinching the patient's forearm)
  - To help make this a quick injection, consider relying on palpation/anatomical landmarks only when localizing this muscle
- If the needle is inserted too deeply, it may be in the opponens pollicis
- When localizing this muscle, note that 2 sesamoid bones are easily palpable in the tendon at the MCP joint

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience**

Adverse reactions that have been identified during postapproval use of BOTOX are discussed in greater detail in *Postmarketing Experience* (Section 6.3 of the Prescribing Information).



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

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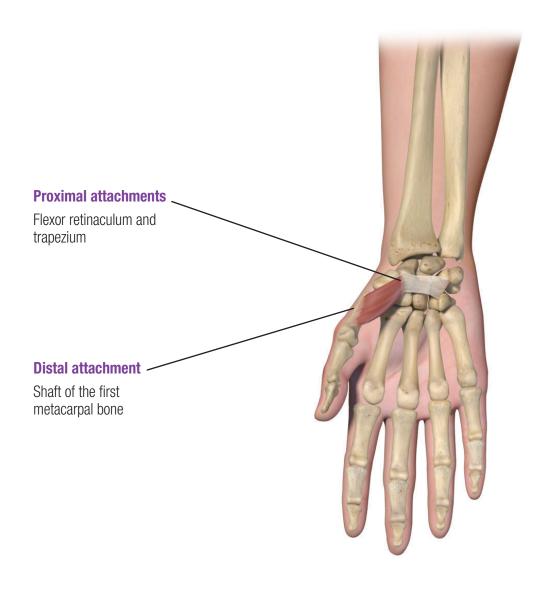


# Opponens pollicis

▶ BOTOX® dose: 5 Units to 25 Units in 1 site

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Flexes the metacarpal bone of the thumb



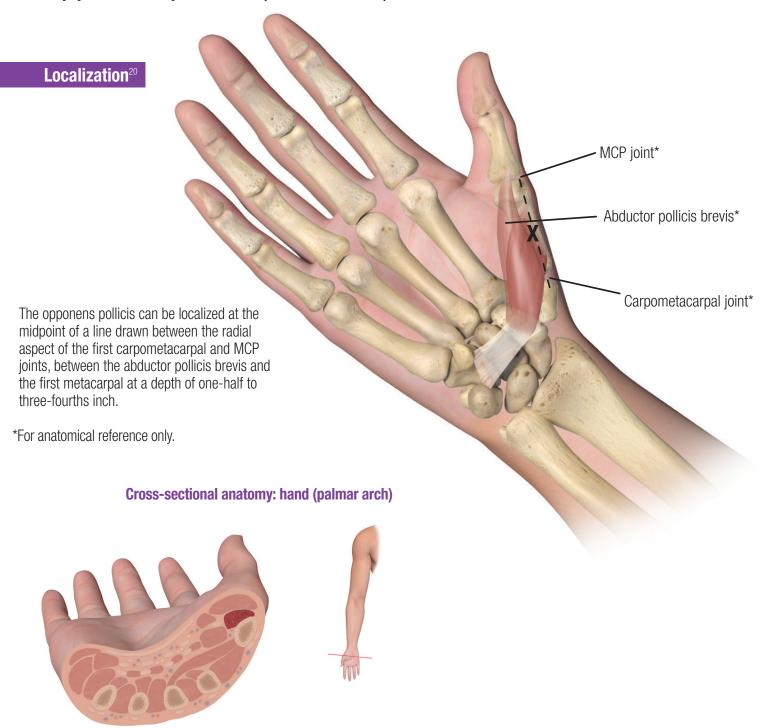
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# Opponens pollicis (continued)

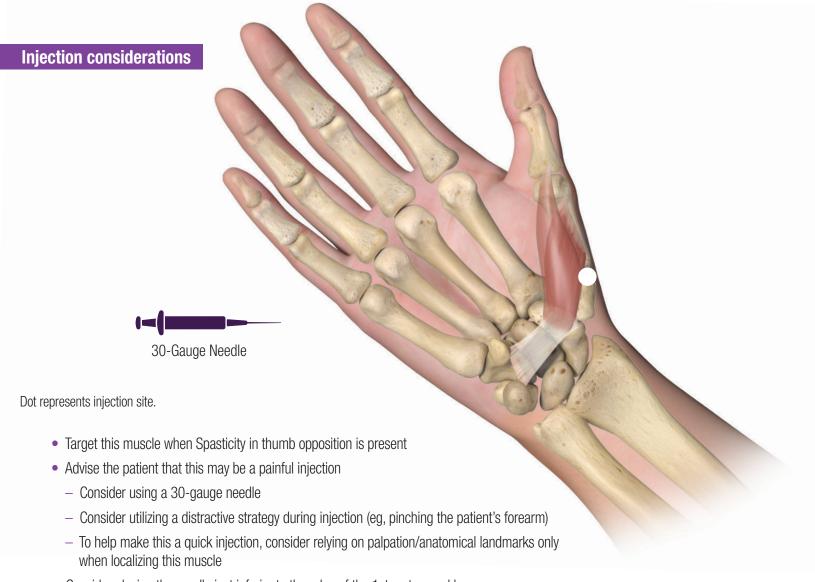


# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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# Opponens pollicis (continued)



- Consider placing the needle just inferior to the edge of the 1st metacarpal bone
  - If the needle is inserted too deeply, it may be in the adductor pollicis; if inserted too medially, it may be in the wrong muscle

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

**Spread of Toxin Effect** 

See Boxed Warning.



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products** 

The potency Units of BOTOX are specific to the preparation and assay method utilized. They are not interchangeable with other preparations of botulinum toxin products and, therefore, Units of biological activity of BOTOX cannot be compared to nor converted into Units of any other botulinum toxin products assessed with any other specific assay method.

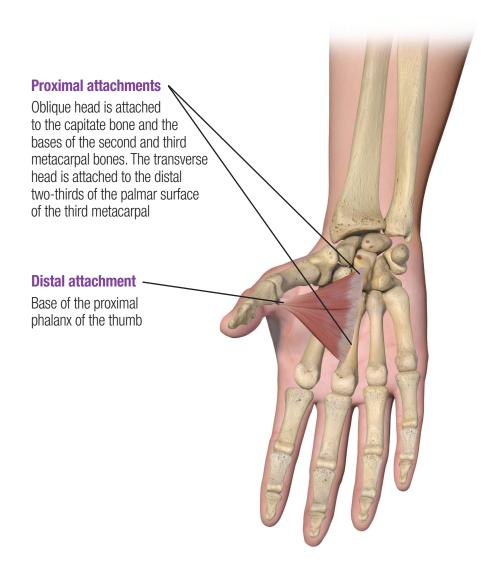


# Adductor pollicis

► BOTOX® dose: 20 Units (1 site)

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

Adducts the thumb



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses.



# Adductor pollicis (continued)



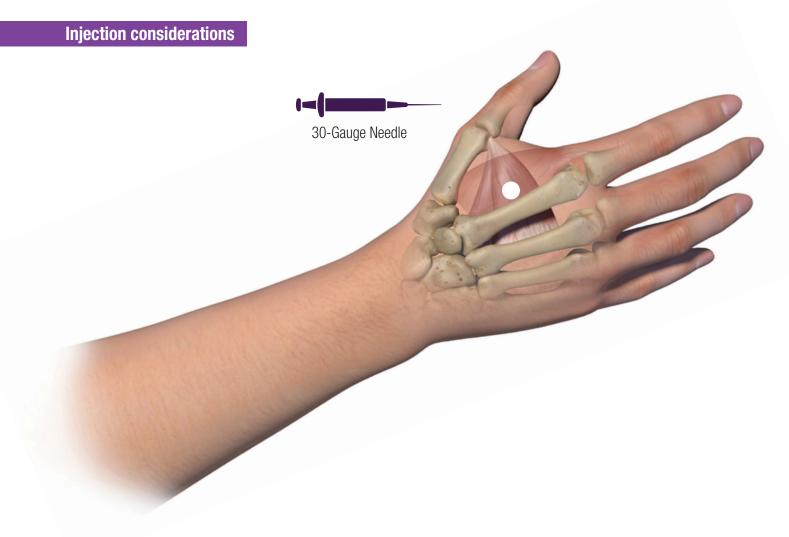
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### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use (continued)**

In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures. In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.



# Adductor pollicis (continued)



Dot represents injection site.

- This muscle is most often injected when trying to position the thumb for a wrist/hand orthosis
- Consider inserting the needle from the backside of the hand and injecting quickly to minimize pain
- It is often a painful injection site, so consider the use of a 30-gauge needle

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea.



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## **Hypersensitivity Reactions (continued)**

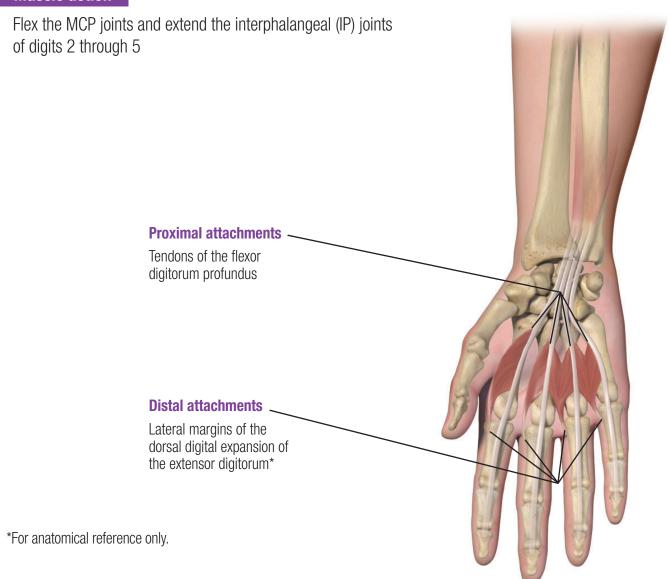
If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.



## Lumbricals

► BOTOX® dose: 5 Units to 10 Units in 1 site per muscle

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>



## Other muscles involved in MCP flexion or IP extension

• Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis) (MCP flexion) • Flexor digitorum profundus (MCP flexion) • Interossei (IP extension)

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

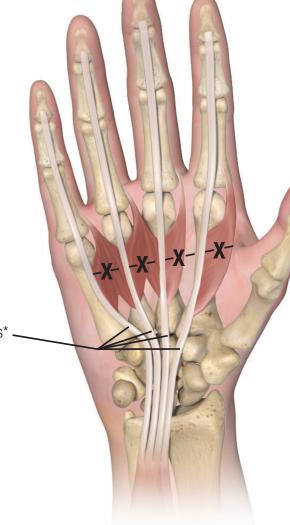
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# Lumbricals (continued)

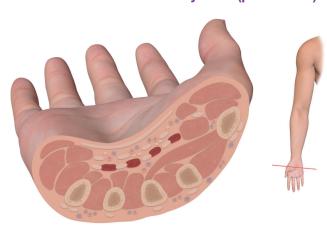
## **Localization**<sup>20</sup>

The lumbricals can be localized just proximal to the MCP joints and radial to the flexor tendon.



Flexor tendons\*

### **Cross-sectional anatomy: hand (palmar arch)**



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders (continued)

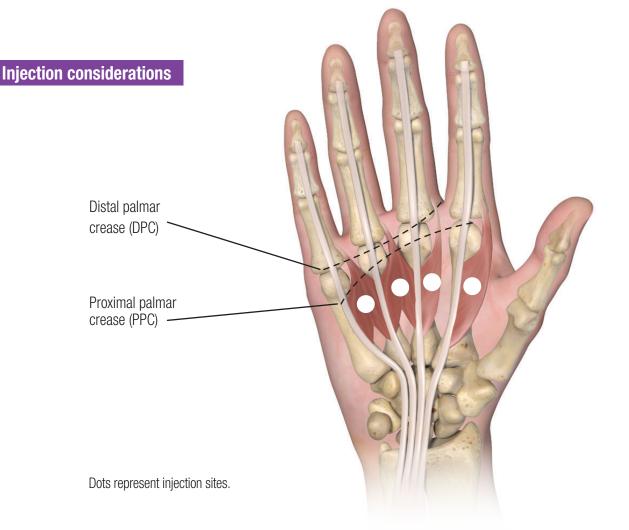
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# **Lumbricals** (continued)







- When injecting both the lumbricals and/or interossei, consider limiting the combined total dose to 50 Units per hand
- Carefully consider the functional anatomy of these muscles and only target if deemed clinically necessary (eg, when the MCP joints
  are spastic). Physicians should consider their level of comfort and expertise with injecting this muscle group before proceeding
- Guidance techniques are highly recommended for these muscles to avoid inadvertent injection of nontargeted muscles, such as the interossei
- Consider the following when determining how to approach injection:
  - Dorsal approach is typically less painful, but localization is more challenging
  - Palmar approach is typically more painful, but localization is more straightforward
  - A 30-gauge needle and/or cold spray may help minimize injection pain
- When localizing for injection, note that the MCP joints have a direct relationship with both the PPC and DPC
  - The DPC lies over the 3rd, 4th, and 5th MCP joints
  - The PPC lies over the 2nd MCP joint

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

Treatment with BOTOX and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties.



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties (continued)**

Patients with preexisting swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications. In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or oropharyngeal muscles that control swallowing or breathing (see *Boxed Warning*).



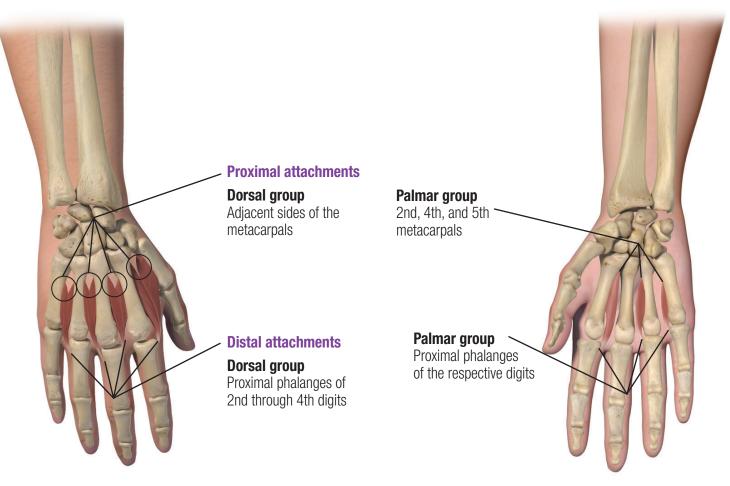
## Interossei

► BOTOX® dose: 5 Units to 10 Units in 1 site per muscle

## Muscle action<sup>14</sup>

**Dorsal group:** Abducts the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th digits away from a longitudinal axis that passes through the midline of the hand (3rd metacarpal). Also contributes to MCP flexion

**Palmar group:** Adducts the 2nd, 4th, and 5th digits toward the longitudinal axis that passes through the midline of the hand (3rd metacarpal). Also contributes strongly to MCP flexion and weak IP extension



## Other muscles involved in MCP flexion or IP extension

- Flexor digitorum superficialis (sublimis) (MCP flexion)
- Lumbricals (IP extension)
- Flexor digitorum profundus (MCP flexion)

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Pulmonary Effects of BOTOX in Patients With Compromised Respiratory Status Treated for Spasticity

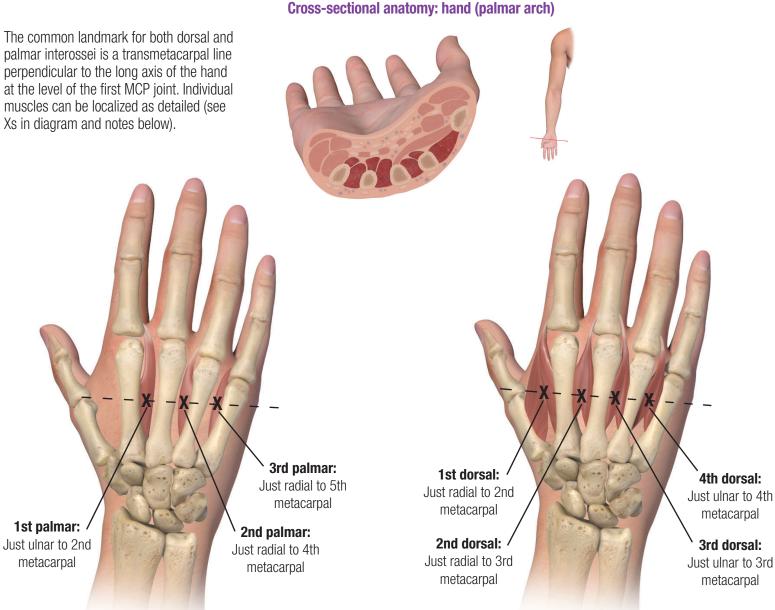
Patients with compromised respiratory status treated with BOTOX for spasticity should be monitored closely.



# Interossei (continued)

## Localization<sup>20</sup>

The common landmark for both dorsal and palmar interossei is a transmetacarpal line perpendicular to the long axis of the hand at the level of the first MCP joint. Individual muscles can be localized as detailed (see Xs in diagram and notes below).



Note: This group is at a depth of about one-fourth inch.

Palmar group

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)**

### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

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**Dorsal group** 

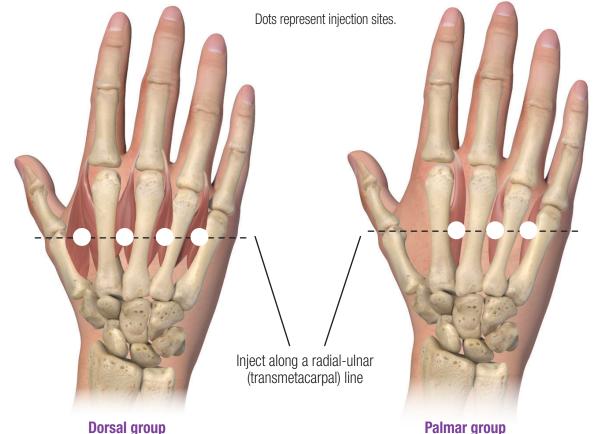


## Interossei (continued)





### **Injection considerations**



Inject at a depth of 1/4" to avoid the Dorsal group

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- Guidance techniques are highly recommended for these muscles to avoid inadvertent injection of nontargeted muscles, such as the lumbricals
- Consider the following when determining how to approach these muscles:
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  - A 30-gauge needle and/or cold spray may help minimize injection pain
- For the Dorsal group: Consider orienting the needle along the radial-ulnar line to more effectively target these muscles within the interosseous space
- For the Palmar group: If the needle is inserted too superficially, it may be in the Dorsal group; if inserted too deeply, it may be in the adductor pollicis

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity (continued)

In adult patients treated for lower limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in patients treated with BOTOX (2% at 300 Units to 400 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).



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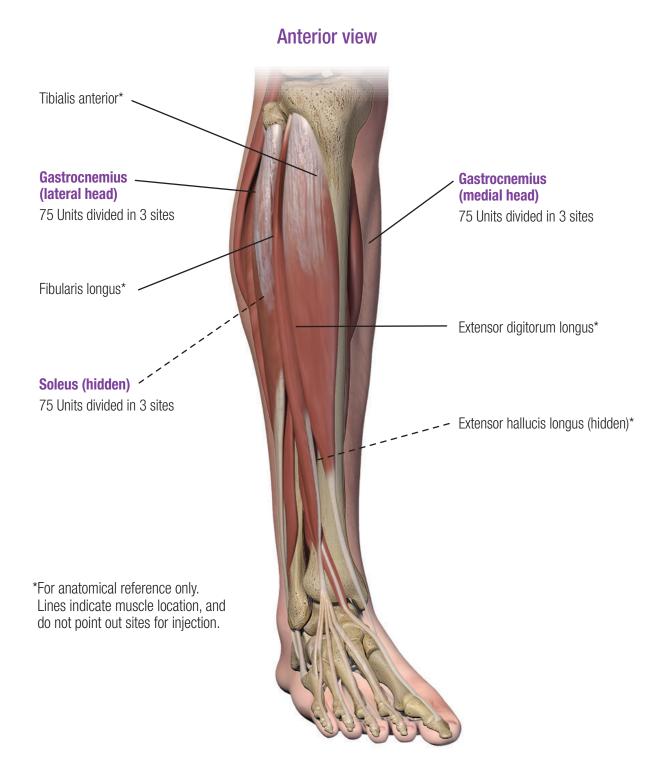
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# Main muscles involved in Adult Lower Limb Spasticity

Muscles listed in purple are those approved for BOTOX® injection4



## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS**

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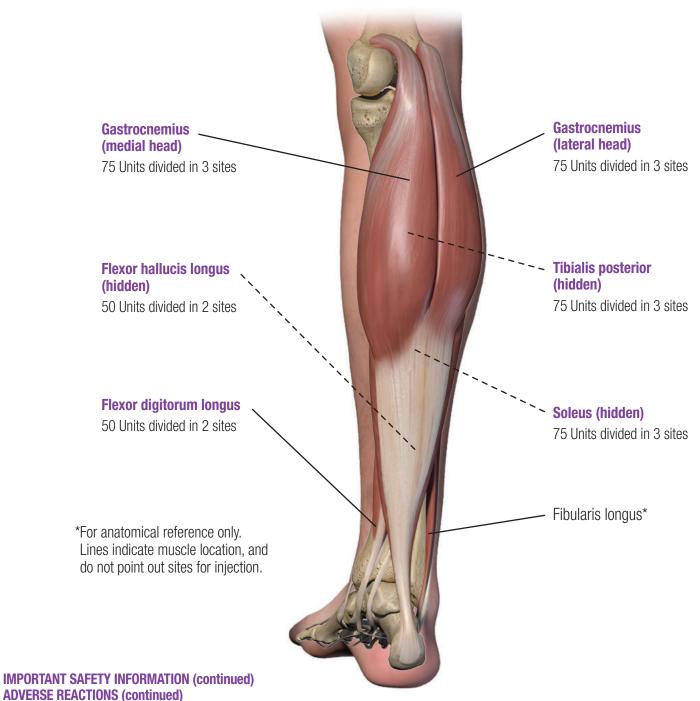
### **Approved Muscles Involved in Common Postures**

**Ankle flexors** 

Gastrocnemius Soleus Tibialis posterior **Toe Flexors** 

Flexor digitorum longus Flexor hallucis longus

#### **Posterior view**



#### Adult Upper Limb Spasticity

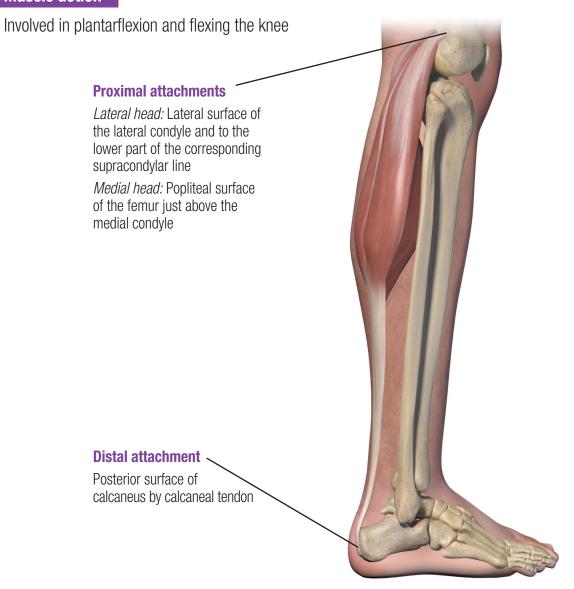
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### Gastrocnemius

► BOTOX® dose: 75 Units divided in 3 sites (medial head) and 75 Units divided in 3 sites (lateral head)

#### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>



### Other muscles involved in plantarflexion

Soleus

- Flexor digitorum longus
- Fibularis longus\*

- Tibialis posterior
- Flexor hallucis longus

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

#### **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.

<sup>\*</sup>For anatomical reference only.



# Gastrocnemius (continued)



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

#### **Postmarketing Experience**

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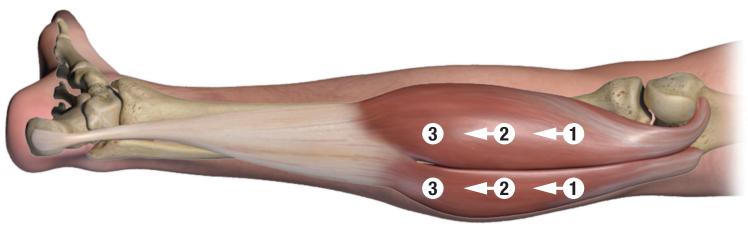


# Gastrocnemius (continued)





### **Injection considerations**



Dots represent injection sites.

- Gastrocnemius and soleus muscles make up the triceps surae and should be thought of as a complex
- The gastrocnemius crosses both the knee and ankle
- Position patient prone when possible
- Consider following a straight line from proximal to distal in both the medial and lateral heads when injecting the 3 sites
- Avoid going too distal so that the tendinous area is not inadvertently injected
- Gastrocnemius is thinner than the soleus, so consider needle depth carefully

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

#### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

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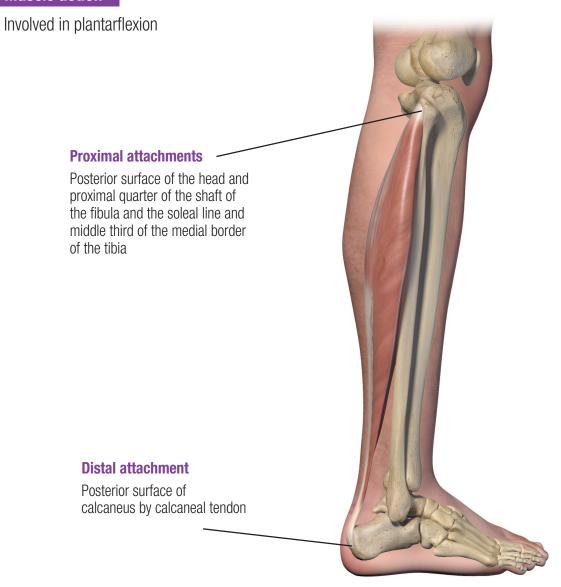
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## Soleus

► BOTOX® dose: 75 Units divided in 3 sites

#### Muscle action<sup>14</sup>



### Other muscles involved in plantarflexion

- Gastrocnemius
- Flexor digitorum longus
- Fibularis longus\*

- Tibialis posterior
- Flexor hallucis longus

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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# Soleus (continued)

Localization<sup>21</sup>



Medial or lateral approach is midway to two-thirds the distance from heel to popliteal crease. Can also be approached through the gastrocnemius.

**Cross-sectional anatomy: midcalf** 



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

**Spread of Toxin Effect** 

See Boxed Warning.

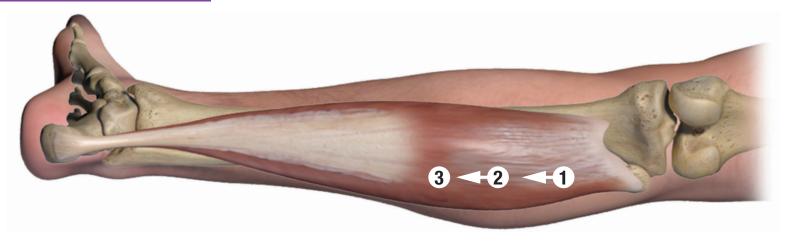


# Soleus (continued)





### **Injection considerations**



Dots represent injection sites.

- Soleus and gastrocnemius muscles make up the triceps surae and should be thought of as a complex
- Position patient prone when possible
  - Activate the muscle with the knee flexed and have the patient plantarflex
- The soleus is deep and distal to the gastrocnemius, slightly lateral to the midline down the long axis of the leg
- Consider following a straight line from proximal to distal when injecting the 3 sites
- Consider advancing the needle to avoid further skin punctures
- Avoid going too distal to avoid the tendinous area. Stay above the midcalf

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Lack of Interchangeability Between Botulinum Toxin Products** 

The potency Units of BOTOX are specific to the preparation and assay method utilized. They are not interchangeable with other preparations of botulinum toxin products and, therefore, Units of biological activity of BOTOX cannot be compared to nor converted into Units of any other botulinum toxin products assessed with any other specific assay method.



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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Serious Adverse Reactions With Unapproved Use**

Serious adverse reactions, including excessive weakness, dysphagia, and aspiration pneumonia, with some adverse reactions associated with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients who received BOTOX injections for unapproved uses. In these cases, the adverse reactions were not necessarily related to distant spread of toxin, but may have resulted from the administration of BOTOX to the site of injection and/or adjacent structures. In several of the cases, patients had preexisting dysphagia or other significant disabilities. There is insufficient information to identify factors associated with an increased risk for adverse reactions associated with the unapproved uses of BOTOX. The safety and effectiveness of BOTOX for unapproved uses have not been established.



# Tibialis posterior

► BOTOX® dose: 75 Units divided in 3 sites

#### **Muscle action**<sup>14, 16</sup>

Involved in plantarflexion and can also invert and adduct the foot



#### **Proximal attachments**

Posterior surfaces of the tibia and fibula, inferior to the soleal line

#### **Distal attachments**

Tuberosity of navicular, medial, and intermediate cuneiforms, and bases of second, third, and fourth metatarsals

### Other muscles involved in plantarflexion and/or foot inversion

- Gastrocnemius (plantarflexion only)
- Soleus (plantarflexion only)
- Flexor digitorum longus<sup>15</sup>
- Flexor hallucis longus<sup>15</sup>
- Fibularis longus (plantarflexion only)\*
- Tibialis anterior (foot inversion only)\*

\*For anatomical reference only.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious and/or immediate hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. These reactions include anaphylaxis, serum sickness, urticaria, soft-tissue edema, and dyspnea.



# Tibialis posterior (continued)



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Hypersensitivity Reactions (continued)**

If such a reaction occurs, further injection of BOTOX should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy immediately instituted. One fatal case of anaphylaxis has been reported in which lidocaine was used as the diluent, and consequently, the causal agent cannot be reliably determined.

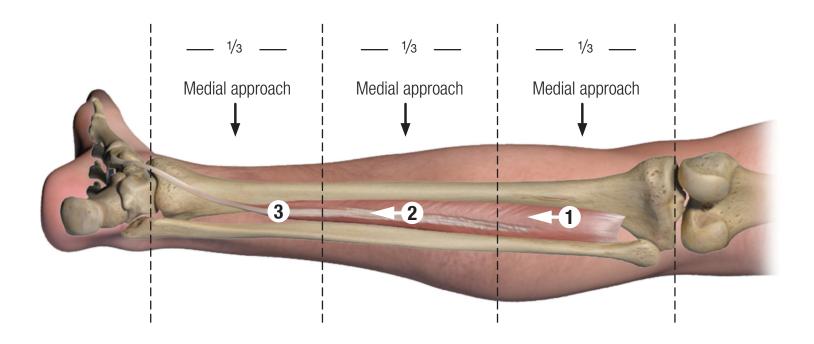


# Tibialis posterior (continued)





### **Injection considerations**



Dots represent injection sites.

- Position the patient supine with their leg extended, when possible
  - Recommend using established guidance techniques as the muscle may be difficult to locate
- This muscle runs the length of the tibia, so divide the leg into thirds
- Consider even distribution from proximal to distal when injecting the 3 sites
- Use a medial approach to avoid the neurovascular bundle

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders

Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or neuromuscular junction disorders (eg, myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored when given botulinum toxin.



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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

**Increased Risk of Clinically Significant Effects With Preexisting Neuromuscular Disorders (continued)** 

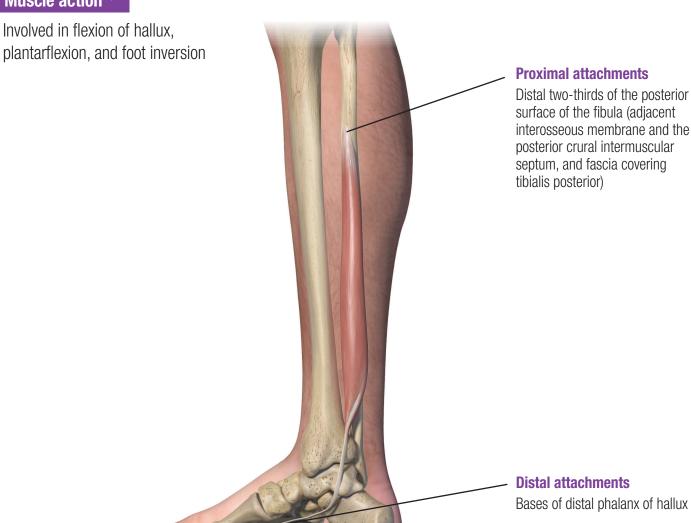
Patients with known or unrecognized neuromuscular disorders or neuromuscular junction disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects, including generalized muscle weakness, diplopia, ptosis, dysphonia, dysarthria, severe dysphagia, and respiratory compromise from therapeutic doses of BOTOX (see *Warnings and Precautions*).



# Flexor hallucis longus

► BOTOX® dose: 50 Units divided in 2 sites

#### **Muscle action**<sup>14, 17</sup>



### Other muscles involved in plantarflexion and/or foot inversion

- Gastrocnemius (plantarflexion only)
- Soleus (plantarflexion only)
- Tibialis posterior<sup>14</sup>
- Flexor digitorum longus<sup>15</sup>
- Fibularis longus (plantarflexion only)\*
- Tibialis anterior (foot inversion only)\*

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties**

Treatment with BOTOX and other botulinum toxin products can result in swallowing or breathing difficulties. Patients with preexisting swallowing or breathing difficulties may be more susceptible to these complications.

<sup>\*</sup>For anatomical reference only.



# Flexor hallucis longus (continued)



## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Dysphagia and Breathing Difficulties (continued)**

In most cases, this is a consequence of weakening of muscles in the area of injection that are involved in breathing or oropharyngeal muscles that control swallowing or breathing (see *Boxed Warning*).

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# Flexor hallucis longus (continued)

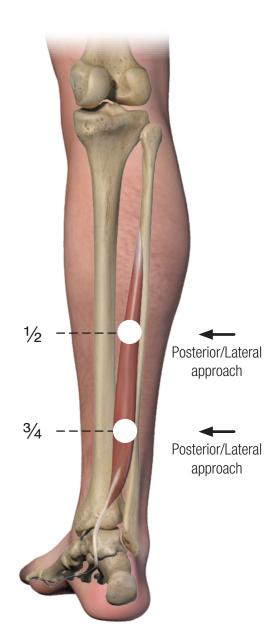




### **Injection considerations**

Dots represent injection sites.

- Position the patient supine, when possible
- This muscle starts at the lateral side of the leg and comes across the medial side at the ankle, but closer to the tendon than the bone
- Based on the anatomical structure, consider a lateral approach
- Consider targeting one-third to two-thirds proximal, respectively, to the lateral malleolus, one-third of the way up from the back of the heel to the knee when injecting the 2 sites
  - Consider placing the needle midway to three-fourths distally down the leg
- Inject this muscle when the great toe has flexion spasticity





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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Bronchitis and Upper Respiratory Tract Infections in Patients Treated for Spasticity**

Bronchitis was reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in adult patients treated for upper limb spasticity with BOTOX (3% at 251 Units to 360 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%). In adult patients with reduced lung function treated for upper limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were also reported more frequently as adverse reactions in patients treated with BOTOX (11% at 360 Units total dose; 8% at 240 Units total dose) compared to placebo (6%). In adult patients treated for lower limb spasticity, upper respiratory tract infections were reported more frequently as an adverse reaction in patients treated with BOTOX (2% at 300 Units total dose) compared to placebo (1%).

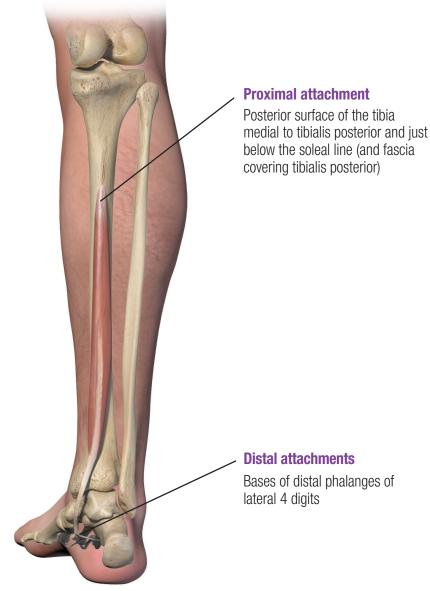


# Flexor digitorum longus

► BOTOX® dose: 50 Units divided in 2 sites

#### Muscle action<sup>14, 17</sup>

Involved in flexion of lateral 4 digits, plantarflexion, and foot inversion



### Other muscles involved in plantarflexion and/or foot inversion

- Gastrocnemius (plantarflexion only)
- Soleus (plantarflexion only)
- Tibialis posterior<sup>16</sup>
- Flexor hallucis longus<sup>17</sup>
- Fibularis longus (plantarflexion only)\*
- Tibialis anterior (foot inversion only)\*

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (continued)

#### **Human Albumin and Transmission of Viral Diseases**

This product contains albumin, a derivative of human blood. Based on effective donor screening and product manufacturing processes, it carries an extremely remote risk for transmission of viral diseases and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD). There is a theoretical risk for transmission of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), but if that risk actually exists, the risk of transmission would also be considered extremely remote. No cases of transmission of viral diseases, CJD, or vCJD have ever been identified for licensed albumin or albumin contained in other licensed products.



# Flexor digitorum longus (continued)



## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Adverse reactions to BOTOX for injection are discussed in greater detail in the following sections: *Boxed Warning, Contraindications*, and *Warnings and Precautions*.

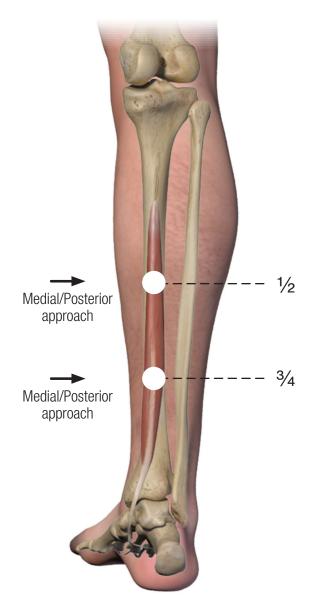


# Flexor digitorum longus (continued)





**Injection considerations** 



Dots represent injection sites.

- The patient can be positioned supine, prone, or sitting
- This muscle starts at the medial part of the leg and continues laterally to the foot
- Have patients bend their toes while using EMG to help localize the muscle. With E-Stim you want them to relax the muscle, not bend their toes
- Consider targeting one-half and three-fourths distally down the leg when injecting the 2 sites

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)** 

#### **Adult Upper Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for upper limb spasticity include pain in extremity, muscular weakness, fatigue, nausea, and bronchitis.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

#### **Adult Lower Limb Spasticity**

The most frequently reported adverse reactions following injection of BOTOX for lower limb spasticity include arthralgia, back pain, myalgia, upper respiratory tract infection, and injection-site pain.



### Dilution and reconstitution

Follow general dilution instructions for BOTOX® vials (100 Units and 200 Units)4

100-Unit BOTOX® Vial					
0.9% Sodium Chloride* per vial	Dose per 1 mL syringe	Dose per 0.1 mL			
1 mL	100 Units	10 Units			
2 mL	50 Units	5 Units			
4 mL	25 Units	2.5 Units			
8 mL	12.5 Units	1.25 Units			
10 mL	10 Units	1 Unit			

200-Unit B0T0X® Vial					
0.9% Sodium Chloride* per vial	Dose per 1 mL syringe	Dose per 0.1 mL			
1 mL	200 Units	20 Units			
2 mL	100 Units	10 Units			
4 mL	50 Units	5 Units			
8 mL	25 Units	2.5 Units			
16 mL	12.5 Units	1.25 Units			
20 mL	10 Units	1 Unit			

<sup>\*</sup>Preservative-free 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP only.

- The recommended dilution is 200 Units/4 mL or 100 Units/2 mL with preservative-free 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP (see table above)
- Administer the 200-Unit vial or 100-Unit vial of BOTOX® within 24 hours after reconstitution in the vial
- Unused reconstituted BOTOX® should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C) for up to 24 hours until time of use
- BOTOX® vials are for single-dose only. Discard any unused portion
- Unopened vials of BOTOX® should be stored in a refrigerator (between 2°C to 8°C or 36°F to 46°F) for up to 36 months

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued)**

**ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)** 

#### **Postmarketing Experience**

Adverse reactions that have been identified during postapproval use of BOTOX are discussed in greater detail in *Postmarketing Experience* (Section 6.3 of the Prescribing Information).



# Reconstitution procedures



Using the reconstitution needle, draw up the proper amount of saline (see Dilution Table) in the appropriately sized sterile syringe. A 21-gauge, 2-inch needle is recommended for reconstitution. Reconstituted BOTOX® should be clear, colorless, and free of particulate matter.



Insert the needle straight into the vial, then tilt the vial at a 45° angle. Slowly inject the saline into the BOTOX® neurotoxin vial. Vacuum is present in the vial, which demonstrates that the sterility of the vial is intact. Do not use the vial if the vacuum does not pull the saline into the vial.



Release the vacuum by disconnecting the syringe from the needle and allowing air to flow into the vial. Gently mix BOTOX® with the saline by moving the vial side to side or rotating the vial.



Draw the fluid into the injection syringe by placing the needle into the bottom corner of the vial for full extraction.



Disconnect the injection syringe from the vial and attach an appropriate needle for injection. A 25- to 30-gauge needle may be used for superficial muscles, and a longer 22-gauge needle may be used for deeper musculature.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) ADVERSE REACTIONS (continued)

#### **Postmarketing Experience (continued)**

There have been spontaneous reports of death, sometimes associated with dysphagia, pneumonia, and/or other significant debility or anaphylaxis, after treatment with botulinum toxin. There have also been reports of adverse events involving the cardiovascular system, including arrhythmia and myocardial infarction, some with fatal outcomes. Some of these patients had risk factors, including cardiovascular disease. The exact relationship of these events to the botulinum toxin injection has not been established.



# Resources available to help patients/caregivers



#### Education

- An informational brochure is available for patients/caregivers to educate them about Adult Spasticity and BOTOX®
- Additional resources and information are available on the BOTOX® patient website

#### Tell patients/caregivers to visit **BOTOXSpasticity.com**



### Support

- The Find a BOTOX® Specialist tool helps patients/caregivers seeking treatment find providers and practices
- Create and customize your profile with multiple options (eg, name and photo, specialty). Once your profile has been created, you may be included in patient search results on the Find a BOTOX® Specialist tool

#### Learn more at BOTOXOne.com

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) DRUG INTERACTIONS

Co-administration of BOTOX and other agents interfering with neuromuscular transmission (eg, aminoglycosides, curare-like compounds) should only be performed with caution as the effect of the toxin may be potentiated. Use of anticholinergic drugs after administration of BOTOX may potentiate systemic anticholinergic effects. The effect of administering different botulinum neurotoxin products at the same time or within several months of each other is unknown. Excessive neuromuscular weakness may be exacerbated by administration of another botulinum toxin prior to the resolution of the effects of a previously administered botulinum toxin. Excessive weakness may also be exaggerated by administration of a muscle relaxant before or after administration of BOTOX.

Please see full <u>Prescribing Information</u>, including Boxed Warning and <u>Medication Guide</u>, or visit https://www.rxabbvie.com/pdf/botox\_pi.pdf



# Resources available to help clinicians and office staff



### Peer-to-peer training

- Both live and virtual training programs are available for BOTOX® injection training
- Anatomical models and injection simulators offer the ability to practice localizing and injecting muscles for Adult Spasticity treatment

### Contact your Account Specialist to learn more about our training offerings



### BOTOXOne.com

- Clinical and injection training information, tools, videos, and patient support materials
- Easy access to BOTOX® ordering
- Personalized dashboard
- Comprehensive reimbursement support
- BOTOX® Savings Program patient eligibility and claim status tools

Register at <u>BOTOXOne.com</u> to access these resources and more

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) CONTRAINDICATIONS

BOTOX is contraindicated in the presence of infection at the proposed injection site(s) and in patients who are hypersensitive to any botulinum toxin product or to any of the components in the formulation.



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AllerganDirect.com or call 1-800-44-B0T0X (1-800-442-6869)

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

1-800-44-BOTOX (1-800-442-6869)

#### **MEDICAL INFORMATION LINE**

1-800-678-1605

#### PATIENT SAVINGS PROGRAM

For commercially insured patients: <u>BOTOXSavingsProgram.com</u>

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

For injection training opportunities: Contact your Account Specialist

For injection and reconstitution videos, plus downloadable patient education and more: BOTOXOne.com

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