

## Botulinum Toxin A (Botox®)

Your Doctor has recommended Botulinum Toxin A (Botox®) for your bladder problems. This is a medication injected directly into the muscle of your bladder.

To treat leakage of urine (incontinence) in adults with overactive bladder due to neurologic disease who still have leakage or experience too many side effects after trying oral medications.

### OR

To treat leakage of urine (incontinence) in adults with idiopathic (No cause identified) overactive bladder who still have leakage or experience too many side effects after trying oral medications.

### Notice:

Please be aware Botulinum Toxin A injections are not covered by Ontario Hospital Insurance Plan (OHIP) or the hospital. The cost of the medication and injection is your responsibility. The Hospital will provide you with a receipt that may be used for reimbursement by private drug plans.

- Some insurance companies cover the cost of this drug, this is individual to your coverage

The medication is instilled by your doctor during a cystoscopy which is a relatively simple procedure and requires only an intravesical instillation of topical anaesthetic in most patients.

Injections of Botulinum Toxin A into the bladder muscle or detrusor muscle does carry some risk.

Some patients' experience

- Blood in their urine 6%-10%
- Urinary tract infection 7%-22%
- Increased pain requiring analgesics
- Urinary retention or increased post void residual requiring a catheter
- Diffuse muscle weakness in less than 1% of patients

If you have any of these medical conditions, you should not have the BOTOX injections and please inform your physician:

- Angle-closure glaucoma
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Pregnancy
- Breast-feeding

There may be an interaction between botulinum toxin type A and some medications. Please bring a list of medications to your scheduled appointment and please inform your physician if you are taking any antibiotics

