

What are dermal fillers?

Your skin is constantly under attack. Wind, sun, cold, pollution, fatigue, emotional changes, hormonal swings, and the simple passage of time all combine to wear away at its structure. And if that's not enough, your skin's natural moisture-retaining hyaluronic acid inevitably declines with age. This inevitable moisture loss creates lines around your lips and nose and reduces fullness around your cheek, jaw and lips, giving us an older, more tired look.

Dermal fillers are made up of hyaluronic acid, a substance naturally found in the body's cells, making it a completely safe treatment with no need for prior allergy testing. They are used to replace lost hyaluronic acid, moisturising the skin from the inside and helping to give your skin back it's elasticity and tone.

There are many types of dermal fillers but be.U mostly uses Juvéderm® ULTRA to improve lines and wrinkles around the eyes, nose, mouth and forehead. This can be extended to facial contouring when the problem of cheek or chin dimples occurs and it can also help to reduce deep smile lines (or nasolabial folds to give them their proper name). It can enhance the lips by giving them a fuller appearance.

The Juvéderm® ULTRA range of products is a new generation of hyaluronic acid fillers from ALLERGAN, a world leader in surgical and non-surgical aesthetic products. They use a specially formulated type of hyaluronic acid (HA) that exists naturally in your skin. It's a natural, biodegradable gel that flows easily and smoothly into your skin, instantly filling out those troublesome facial lines leaving a smooth and natural look and feel. So, you'll notice an immediate difference after just one anti-wrinkle treatment. To find out more about Juvéderm® ULTRA please visit: www.juvedermultra.co.uk

The procedure

The filler is injected into the skin with a very fine needle and patients are injected with either a dental injection of local anaesthetic or a topical anaesthetic cream is applied to the skin before treatment. This is normally carried out in one appointment of 45-60mins.

How long will the results last?

The result from the treatment is immediate and will last about 6-10 months. The length of effect depends on a number of factors – including the area treated, your lifestyle and age, skin quality and amount of filler injected. Regular top-ups will mean that less material is needed at subsequent treatments in order to maintain the effect.

How long do I need to take off work?

There is little down time and you may experience a little redness and swelling which can be camouflaged with make-up or you may want to take the day to recover.

Is it safe?

Juvéderm® ULTRA has a demonstrated consistent safety record. Hyaluronic acid is naturally occurring and so is very safe.