

Filler Treatments

- Fillers are injected into the skin to soften lines & wrinkles, or into the subcutaneous tissues to create fullness in the cheeks, lips or other areas
- Some discomfort goes with the procedure; local anaesthetic injections can help for treatments around the mouth; anaesthetic cream (EMLA) can be applied to the area before treatment (90 minutes)
- Effects usually last 6-18 months, but in some cases shorter or longer; subsequent treatments usually last longer
- More filler may be needed to give a good final result; initial estimates may be incorrect
- After treatment swelling and redness in all, with some lumpiness and bruising also common; these effects are usually short-lived
- Rare or unusual problems include:
 - Large bruises (do not take aspirin prior to treatment)
 - Infections in the skin
 - Longer lasting lumps
 - Blockage of blood vessels (ischemia) or the tear duct
- *Not recommended* for pregnant or breastfeeding women