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Raleigh Neurology Now Offering Botox® to Treat Migraine Headaches

Recently approved by the FDA, Botox® offers hope to those who suffer from chronic migraines



Raleigh, N.C. (April 11, 2011) – Nearly one in four U. S. households includes someone who suffers from migraine headaches, a condition which is one of the most disabling medical illnesses in the world. Raleigh Neurology Associates, P.A., a leader in comprehensive neurological diagnosis, treatment, and care in the Triangle, is pleased to announce the practice is now offering the latest in migraine treatment for patients who meet certain qualifications.

Botox® (botulinum toxin type A) for the preventative treatment of chronic migraine headaches was approved by the FDA in 2010 and offers hope to those who suffer from severe chronic migraines. This groundbreaking treatment consists of a series of Botox® injections administered along the forehead, temporal regions, back of the head, and down the sides of the neck.

Candidates for this treatment include those who are defined as having “chronic” migraines, meaning they experience severe headaches at least 15 days each month. Potential recipients should have experienced these migraines for a period of at least six months, receiving very little or no relief from other forms of treatment or prevention. Anyone with neuromuscular problems, especially muscle weakness, should not seek this form of treatment.

Several of Raleigh Neurology’s 23 physicians are now administering Botox® injections, including Dr. William Ferrell, Dr. Gregory Bertics, Dr. Rhonda Gabr, and Dr. David Konanc. Dr. Ferrell says that Botox® is a safe and effective method of preventing migraine headaches, and he recommends the treatment to patients “if they are appropriate candidates.” According to Dr. Ferrell, the discovery of using Botox® to treat migraine headaches was actually coincidental. “Some people who regularly received Botox® injections for cosmetic purposes were reporting a decline in headaches. Research and trials started to take place in hopes of finding a clearly defined benefit in the treatment of migraines with Botox. Finally, a study known as PREEMPT, successfully defined Botox® injections as being helpful for treating chronic migraines.”

In the PREEMPT study, of the people experiencing chronic migraine headaches, those receiving Botox® injections found a significant decrease in headache days within a 28 day period. There have been very few side effects found from the injections, some of which may include weakness or pain in the neck. And yes, in case you were wondering, it is possible that some people could notice a diminishing appearance of wrinkles!

For more information about this treatment or to learn more about Raleigh Neurology Associates, please call us at (919)782-3456, or visit our website at: www.raleighneurology.com.

About Raleigh Neurology Associates:

Founded in 1983 by Dr. Keith L. Hull, Jr. and Dr. S. Mitchell Freedman, Raleigh Neurology Associates is one of the largest private neurology practices in the southeast. Raleigh Neurology Associates has grown in its 28 year history to a thriving neurology practice with two convenient locations throughout the Triangle, providing comprehensive neurological care for over 250,000 people in our community. While the practice's increasing size enables Raleigh Neurology Associates to offer highly-skilled specialists in many different neurological areas, it strives to maintain the same personal patient/physician relationships on which the practice was founded.

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