

Patient Education: Filler Dissolver

A filler dissolver treatment uses the enzyme hyaluronidase to break down and dissolve hyaluronic acid (HA) dermal fillers, reversing the effects of the injections. This minimally invasive procedure involves injecting hyaluronidase into the treated area to break down the HA, which is then naturally absorbed by the body. Not all lip fillers are dissolvable. We can only dissolve fillers that contain hyaluronic acid. Hyaluronic-based fillers are the most common type of filler. However, if your filler contains silicone or other substances, we cannot dissolve it.

Before your appointment

Before a hyaluronidase filler dissolver appointment, you should inform your provider of all allergies, especially any to bee stings. Avoid blood thinners like aspirin, ibuprofen, and fish oil, as well as high doses of Vitamin E, for several days before the procedure to minimize bruising. Also, refrain from consuming alcohol for at least 24 hours prior to minimize swelling.

You cannot receive an HA filler dissolver if you have a known allergy to hyaluronidase, particularly if you have a history of severe allergic reactions to bee or wasp stings, as this can indicate a potential cross-allergy. Additionally, hyaluronidase only works on fillers made of hyaluronic acid (HA), so it cannot dissolve other types of fillers like Radiesse, Sculptra, or silicone-based fillers.

The day of your appointment

On the day of your filler dissolver appointment, expect a quick 15-20 minute procedure involving skin cleansing, numbing, and hyaluronidase injections to immediately break down hyaluronic acid fillers. You will likely experience minimal discomfort, though temporary redness, swelling, and soreness at the injection sites are common and usually resolve within a few days. Aftercare includes avoiding strenuous activity, excessive heat, and other skin procedures for 24 hours.



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After your appointment

Hyaluronidase starts working instantly, but complete dissolution may take up to two weeks. You may notice results within 24 to 48 hours. Swelling, redness, and soreness at the injection sites are common and should resolve within a few days. Avoid strenuous activities, heat, and other procedures like massages, microneedling, and lasers for at least 24 hours and up to 7 days.

For instances of large amounts of filler or nodules, it may take more than one session.

For any questions or concerns, please contact us at 717-408-6075 or on our Boulevard messaging portal.