

frequently
asked questions

Sculptra[®]

injectable poly-L-lactic acid

sculptra® is injected into the skin for restoration and/or correction of the signs of facial fat loss (lipoatrophy) in people with human immunodeficiency virus.¹

sculptra® has been clinically proven to be an effective, well-tolerated, and long-lasting treatment for the signs of facial lipoatrophy.¹⁻³

the following section is designed to help answer frequently asked questions about sculptra®.

what is sculptra® ?

Sculptra® is a synthetic injectable material known as "poly-L-lactic acid." Poly-L-lactic acid is biocompatible (a material that does not harm the body) and biodegradable (able to be broken down by the body). Poly-L-lactic acid has been widely used for many years in dissolvable stitches, soft tissue implants, and other types of implants.¹

how does sculptra® work?

Sculptra® is injected below the surface of the skin in the area of fat loss. Sculptra® provides a gradual increase in skin thickness. Visible results appear within the first few treatment sessions.¹

Sculptra® will not correct the underlying cause of facial fat loss, but will help improve the appearance by increasing skin thickness in the treated area.¹

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is a skin test necessary before sculptra® treatment?

A No skin testing is required prior to use.¹

are the results from sculptra® immediate?

A No. At the first treatment visit, it may appear that Sculptra® worked immediately because of swelling from the injections and the water used to dilute Sculptra®. In a few days, when the swelling goes down and water is absorbed by the body, the treated area may look as it did before treatment. Sculptra® takes time to gradually correct depressions in the skin. The treated area should be evaluated by a healthcare provider in a few weeks to see if more injections are needed.¹

how many sculptra® treatments are required?

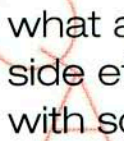
A The number of treatment sessions and the amount of Sculptra® needed at each session will differ for each person. Patients with moderate facial fat loss may require 3 treatment sessions with at least 2 weeks between sessions. Patients with severe facial fat loss may require 4 to 5 treatment sessions with at least 2 weeks between sessions.¹⁻⁴

how long do sculptra® treatment results last?

A Treatment results will differ for each person. In a clinical study, treatment results lasted for up to 2 years after the first treatment session in most patients. Touch-up treatments may be needed to maintain the desired effect.^{1,2}

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what are the possible side effects of treatment with sculptra®?

The most common side effects with the use of Sculptra® include injection-related side effects at the site of the injection, such as bleeding, tenderness or pain, redness, bruising, or swelling. These side effects generally last between 3 to 17 days on average.¹

One possible delayed side effect with Sculptra® can be small bumps under the skin in the treated area. These small bumps may not be visible and may be noticed only when pressing on the treated area. These bumps tend to happen within the first 6 to 12 months after the first treatment. Occasionally, these bumps go away on their own. Visible bumps—sometimes occurring with redness or color change of the treated area—have also been reported. As with all procedures that involve an injection through the skin, there is a risk of infection.¹

Any side effects should be reported to a healthcare provider.



who should not use sculptra®?

A person's medical history should be discussed when deciding on treatment options.

important safety information

You should not use Sculptra® if you are allergic to any ingredient of Sculptra®. Sculptra® should not be injected while you have an active skin infection or inflammation in the treatment area.¹

Side effects of Sculptra® may include the delayed appearance of small bumps under the skin in the treated area. Generally these bumps are not visible and may only be noticed when pressing on the treated area. Other side effects may include injection-related events at the site of injection, such as bleeding, tenderness or discomfort, redness, bruising, or swelling.¹

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