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In All Seriousness, Botox and Dysport Might Not be for Camels But They Remain the Darling of Cosmetic Patients, According to Cosmetic Surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley

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Dr. Richard Buckley comments on an NPR news article reporting on camels being disqualified in a beauty pageant in Saudi Arabia because the animals were treated to Botox to enhance their looks. That makes sense, according to the cosmetic surgeon.

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NPR reported that 12 camels competing in a beauty pageant in Saudi Arabia were banned from the competition because the camels had received Botox injections. Apparently, the Botox injections were given to the camels to make them more attractive. Word is, a veterinarian was caught injecting the camels in the days preceding the pageant, which resulted in the widespread disqualifications.

The seriousness of the matter concerning camels in Saudi Arabia is a testament to the fact that Botox and other botulinum toxin procedures with **Dysport** and Xeomin work, according to cosmetic surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley, medical director at MilfordMD Cosmetic Dermatology Surgery & Laser Center, in Milford, Penn. "The big news on NPR is that Botox works—even in camels, to make coveted four-legged creatures in Saudi Arabia more beautiful," Dr. Buckley says. "Fast-forward to America. The fact that botulinum toxin injections work is no news to us! And while the injections give camels an unfair advantage in competitions, Botox, Xeomin and Dysport injections give our human patients a fair and dramatic cosmetic advantage."



NPR reported that 12 camels competing in a beauty pageant in Saudi Arabia were banned because they had received Botox injections to enhance their looks. For Dr. Buckley, it comes as no surprise.

The fact that botulinum toxin According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, botulinum toxin type A injections were the most popular nonsurgical procedure performed, with nearly 4.6 million procedures done by member plastic surgeons in 2016. That was up 8 percent from the previous year. "We've treated over 30,000 patients in the last 30 years of practice and can attest to the fact that botulinum toxin injections are big winners among patients of all ages," Dr. Buckley says. "Our young patients have them done for 'prejuvenation,' or to prevent dynamic wrinkles from forming. Our patients with more mature wrinkles and crevices on their faces are delighted by the injections' ability to relax those harsh lines, without surgery or extensive downtime."

Some even call botulinum toxin a miracle drug, as the injections seem to help with migraines, depression, excessive sweating and more.

In a study published in the **Aesthetic Surgery Journal**, patient satisfaction with their overall appearance rose 28 percent after botulinum toxin injections to the lines many call the "11's," which are those that seem to deepen between the brows as people age and scowl.

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Botulinum toxin injections take about 10 minutes and are performed in the office. The injections, aimed at relaxing the lines around the mouth, at the crow's feet, between the eyes or around the forehead without changing the foundation of one's facial expression, last about four months, according to Dr. Buckley. The injectable drug works by temporarily reducing muscle activity in those areas. And the FDA has approved Botox, Dysport and **Xeomin**, today's most popular botulinum toxins used in aesthetics, he says.

"Like the camels in Saudi Arabia, people appear more relaxed and youthful after the in-office treatments with botulinum toxin. And while we know it makes our patients feel better about the way they look, we can't say for sure if the camels noticed their better looks," Dr. Buckley says. "In all seriousness, botulinum toxin injections are so popular in the U.S. for a reason: they work and require no downtime from work or life."

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