

Botox – Deaths – the news was astray -

I think it is necessary, personally and as President of the Italian Society of Aesthetic Medicine and Surgery, to clarify that the news spread out today about 16 deaths after an administering of Botulinum Toxin, was released in an astray way both for the images and the contents, through press and television.

No evidence emerged between the administering of Botulinum Toxin for aesthetic aims and the death of 16 patients in the documentation spread out.

No dangerous collateral effect has been reported by the use of Botulinum Toxin type A, since the spot of infiltration admitted and authorized in Italy (glabella's wrinkles) has not registered cases of migration of the toxin till the esophagus.

Difficulties as the ones reported by the Public Citizen 's Health Research Group, through its director Dr. Sidney Wolfe, in a review of 180 cases, notified by the FDA, are referred by the use of Botox or Myobloc (which is a type of toxin used by the neurologist for pathologies); this has been confirmed by the fact that 4 cases out of 16 are referred to young people who obviously did not undergo the treatment for aesthetic purposes.

Extremely astray was the association of the news about the deaths, to the image of patient who was doing the treatment with botulinum toxin on her forehead, without the presence of any scientific authority and the association between the deaths and the cosmetic use of botulinum toxin.

The news as it was spread out generated bad information and alarm without giving any useful outcome.

Best Regards

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