

Medical-Grade Silicone: The Ideal Filler

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Silicone. For decade there has been interest in techniques and products that augment or “fill-in” a multitude of facial defects. The medical industry has sought the ideal filler to correct sunken cheeks and temples, depressed scars from acne or accidents, and to remove wrinkles. Over the years a variety of products has become available to correct these problems.



One of the best “fillers” is medical-grade Liquid Injectable Silicone (LIS). It is a man-made polymer that has been used in a variety of medical applications for many decades. LIS is a clear, colorless, highly purified, thick liquid. Because it is sterile and non-allergenic, normally no test injection is required. The therapeutic value of micro-droplet LIS for building soft-tissue is well established. For over forty years LIS has received wide support by physicians.

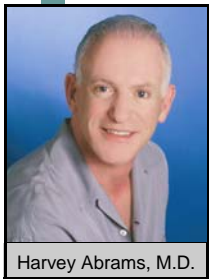
The Ideal Filler should have the following characteristics:

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| long lasting | require little down time |
| minimally invasive | no complications or infections |
| non-immunogenic | no allergic reaction of rejection |

Possible Side Effects

- Swelling and/or redness. Usually slight, can be caused by any needle stick, lasts for a few hours or a few days. Treatment: cold compress
- Occasional Bruising, lasting 7-10 days.
- Inflammatory reaction and/or mild lumpiness under the skin. VERY RARE. Treatment: time, cortisone injections, and occasionally oral antibiotics

Over the years, Dr. Abrams has thoroughly tested and used every “filler”. While there is no filler that meets all these criteria, medical grade silicone is by far one of the best products available today. *See reverse for questions and answers*



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Can silicone migrate or move around from the area of injection to form lumps in other places?

Such reports are rare, but migration can occur. However, in most cases, it appears that migration was the result of improper technique or from the use of silicone that was not medical grade.

What complications can occur following a silicone treatment?

Swelling, mild bruising, and tenderness for a few days are the most common and expected side effects. When larger amounts of silicone are needed to fill in areas [such as the cheeks] it is possible that a slight firmness to the area may be noted.

How long has silicone been used for medical, reconstructive, and cosmetic purposes?

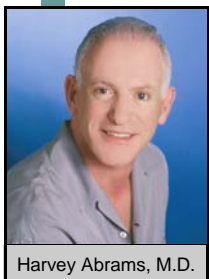
Silicone has been used extensively for over forty years to correct facial defects resulting from illness, trauma, and aging. Recently, the FDA approved a new, highly purified, medical-grade silicone. We use this product for facial correction.

Can silicone cause cancer or autoimmune disease?

Silicone has been studied extensively because of reports of it being responsible for causing autoimmune disease. After extensive investigation, it has been determined that silicone does not cause autoimmune disease.

How should patients choose which filler is best for them?

During your consultation, options will be discussed. As a general rule, the choice comes down to whether a permanent or temporary solution is desired, costs factors, and which filler is best suited for the condition and area to be treated.



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