



Cosmetic Surgery Around the World Announcing the Latest Technology: Restylane Kisses!

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Restylane is the newly approved FDA crystal-clear injectable filler that can be used to restore fullness to the skin and fill facial wrinkles providing a smoother contour to the face. It is also used in Europe to enhance lip fullness. It is a safe filler made from hyaluronic acid, a natural substance that exists in the human body. It has an excellent safety profile—non-animal or human based—so it does not require skin testing and is biocompatible with human skin.

I worked with some of the top cosmetic surgeons in Rio de Janeiro, London, and Paris. I offer international experience with Restylane, where it has been used since 1996, to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. I have long awaited FDA approval to be able to share with my U.S. patients, Restylane, The Rolls Royce of fillers. The procedure can be performed in the office and takes about 30 minutes. The area to be filled is injected by an ultra fine needle into the facial folds or wrinkles leaving no scars. Patients are very happy because results are seen immediately with almost immediate return to normal activities and minimal swelling that may last 1-3 days. It is extremely safe and lasts six months or longer, twice as long as collagen on the average.

Restylane can be combined with Botox in harmony to produce a more youthful looking you in one office visit. Restylane is a filler substance while Botox weakens the muscle. They smooth wrinkles in different ways. Patients have been pleased by the synergistic treatment of Botox and Restylane. True success in cosmetic surgery lies in determining what each individual patient needs and creating a unique treatment plan for each patient's special look.]

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