

West Palm Beach Doctor to test Botox effectiveness

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A cosmetic dermatologist in West Palm Beach said he is conducting the country's first clinical trial to test the effectiveness of Botox to smooth deep wrinkles and lines on the chin.

Dr. Kenneth Beer said this area of the face is a common complaint among men and women who experience wrinkles that make them look aged and angry. He said his study will involve 20 women between the ages of 18 and 75 in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.

Beer said Botox injections are the fastest-growing cosmetic procedure and so popular because it is simple, non-invasive and can dramatically reduce deep frown lines.

"Botox is regarded by many as the ultimate fountain of youth," he said. "If the clinical study proves successful in diminishing deep frown lines in the chin area, this opens up the whole lower half of the face for treatment and is a significant new opportunity for Botox treatment."

Beer did not say when he expects results from his trial.

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