

# *Restylane Injectable Gel*

**What is it?** Restylane is a transparent hyaluronic acid gel that is injected into facial tissue to smooth wrinkles and folds, especially around the nose and mouth (nasolabial folds). Hyaluronic acid is a substance that is produced naturally by the body.

**How does it work?** Restylane works by temporarily adding volume to facial tissue. The effect lasts for about six months.

**When is it used?** Restylane is injected by a doctor into areas of facial tissue where moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds occur.

**What will it do?** Restylane will help smooth moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds. In a clinical study most patients needed one injection to achieve optimal wrinkle smoothing; about one-third of patients needed more than one injection to get a satisfactory result. The smoothing effect lasted about six months.

## **Side effects of Restylane include:**

\*Bruising                      \*Redness                      \*Swelling  
\*Pain                              \*Tenderness                      \*Itching

## **Restylane should not be used in patients who have any of the following:**

\*Severe allergies marked by a history of anaphylaxis (hypersensitivity to the ingestion of injection of a drug or protein)  
\*Multiple severe allergies  
\*Severe allergies to gram-positive bacterial proteins

## **Restylane should not be used for:**

\*Breast augmentation  
\*Implantation into bone, tendon, ligament, or muscle, or  
\*Implantation into blood vessels, because it may obstruct blood flow.