

MARIONETTE LINE FILLER

Complications & Red Flags – Quick Reference Card

COMMON & EXPECTED

- Mild-to-moderate swelling
- Tenderness
- Erythema
- Bruising
- Mild asymmetry

🕒 Usually self-limiting within 7-14 days

EARLY COMPLICATIONS

- Overcorrection/poor aesthetic outcome
- Filler migration
- Tyndall effect (bluish discoloration)
- Persistent pain
- Distortion of oral commissure

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VASCULAR OCCLUSION ⚠️ (MEDICAL EMERGENCY)

Signs & Symptoms

- Immediate or severe pain
- Blanching or livedo reticularis
- Dusky, grey, or mottled skin
- Delayed capillary refill
- Cold skin
- Perioral numbness or tingling

SKIN NECROSIS ⚠️⚠️ (RARE BUT SERIOUS)

Management

- STOP injecting immediately
- High-dose hyaluronidase
- Warm compress
- Aspirin (if not contraindicated)
- Urgent escalation if no improvement

VISION LOSS ⚠️⚠️

- Progressive pain post-treatment
- Persistent blanching
- Mottled or dusky skin
- Delayed healing or ulceration

⚠️ Treat as vascular compromise

HIGH-RISK ANATOMY

- Facial artery (variable course)
- Inferior labial artery
- Mental foramen
- Modiolus

⚠️ Marionette lines = high-risk area.
Advanced anatomy knowledge essential.

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RISK REDUCTION

- ✓ Aspirate (with awareness of limitations)
- ✓ Use minimal volumes
- ✓ Slow, low-pressure injections
- ✓ Cannula where appropriate
- ✓ Superficial vs deep plane awareness
- ✓ Continuous patient communication
- ✓ Emergency kit immediately available

PRODUCT & VOLUME GUIDE

Typical median 0.2–0.6 mL per side

FILLER RECORD

Filler Brand: _____ mL

Date: _____

