



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE LATEST DERMAL FILLER “EVOLENCE”

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Evolence: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Evolence, a collagen-based structural dermal filler for the correction of moderate to deep facial wrinkles and folds, such as nasolabial folds.

Evolence represents a breakthrough in aesthetics. As one of nature's most fundamental and abundant building blocks, collagen comprises up to 80% of the dermis and it helps maintain skin strength, structure and support. Collagen naturally breaks down as a person ages, leading to the appearance of wrinkles, lines and folds.

INTERVIEW

Q: Dr. Brooks can you tell us about the new dermal filler Evolence and what areas it's being used to improve?

A: Evolence is a new dermal filler that replaces the collagen that is lost with the aging process. Like other fillers, evolence immediately improves the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles. Collagen is what gives our skin structure and support. I always tell my patients to think of collagen as a "slinky": when we are young the slinky is nice and tight, as we age it starts to loosen and sag; when this happens, clinically we see fine lines and wrinkles.

Q: Is it FDA approved?

A: Evolence is FDA approved for the naso-labial folds (laugh lines)

Q: What makes Evolence different from other fillers on the market?

A: The collagen in Evolence mimics the 3D structure of our skin's own collagen; which allows it to blend nicely within the skin giving a natural appearance. Also, there is less bleeding and bruising with Evolence when compared with other fillers and no pre treatment skin test is needed to test for allergy. An Evolence patient of mine, who had different fillers in the past, told me that Evolence looks more natural than the filler he had 2 years ago.

Q: Are you pleased with the results and are your patients who have received it satisfied?

A: I am very pleased with the ease of use and the results with Evolence. I can honestly say that all of the patients I have treated with this filler are very satisfied. It gives a very natural appearance with less redness and bruising.

Q: Is there any downtime or risks with Evolence?

A: Minimal. There may be slight redness with the procedure that can last anywhere from 1-4 hours. You can also have bruising, although less likely.

Q: How long does it last?

A: It is FDA approved for 6 months, though many patients have seen results lasting up to a year.

Q: What about cost?

A: It is comparable to other filler on the market. I have a special introductory price of \$550/syringe

Q: Is there a website for more information?

A: Yes you can go to www.evolence.com



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