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### **Lip Line FAQs**

**Q. What are lip lines?**

A. Lip lines are lines that form in the skin perpendicular to the upper and lower lips.

**Q. How do lip lines form?**

A. This is a very interesting question. These form as a result of the action of the muscles of the lips, natural aging, sun exposure, and sometimes smoking. This causes a reduction primarily in collagen and less so other substances in the second layer (dermis) of the skin.

**Q. What can I do to treat lip lines?**

A. Dr. Kaufmann treats lip lines with a variety of modalities. Most commonly with Juvederm® , a form of collagen. Frequently a very small amount of Botox is added to hold the Juvederm® in place longer. Occasionally, if it is very early in the formation of the lines, Botox alone may be used. At times, Juvederm® or a laser may be used in the treatment. See the individual product FAQ sheets for further details.

**Q. How long does CosmoDerm® last around the lips?**

A. Because of the movement of the lip muscles Juvederm® reabsorbs more quickly than normal. Minimally relaxing the lip muscles with Botox allows Juvederm® to last longer, approximately six months.

**Q. Are collagen injections painful?**

The upper lip is a more sensitive area. To minimize discomfort, a topical anesthetic will be prescribed to be applied prior to your appointment or a local anesthetic will be injected above the area prior to treatment.

**Ask for Dr. Kaufmann's Juvederm FAQ & Botox FAQ sheets.**

*If you would like more information on the treatment of lip lines, please contact:  
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