

Is Sculptra® Aesthetic Safe?

Sculptra® Aesthetic (injectable poly-L-lactic acid) is made from a synthetic material called poly-L-lactic acid, which is gradually and naturally absorbed by the body as it works to replace lost collagen. Poly-L-lactic acid has been used safely for decades in dissolvable stitches and as a facial injectable since 1999 in over 30 countries.

Side effects may include injection site discomfort, pain, redness, bruising, swelling, and/or tenderness. Small bumps and larger lumps under the skin in the treated area may also appear. These typically go away on their own. You should talk to your doctor if you experience any side effects or have questions after treatment.

In a clinical trial for Sculptra Aesthetic, participants most commonly reported the following side effects:

- Redness
- Swelling
- Tenderness
- Injection site pain

Some participants also reported bruising, bleeding, and/or itching at the injection site.

With each treatment session, your doctor will provide you with aftercare instructions that may help minimize side effects. Aftercare may include massaging and icing the treated area. Do not apply ice directly to the skin. To learn more about proper aftercare, see the aftercare section.

No allergy testing is required prior to treatment.

Sculptra Aesthetic should always be administered by a physician that has been specifically trained on Sculptra Aesthetic. We can help you find a Sculptra trained physician near you.