

Dr. David Goldberg Among the First Dermatologists Using the New Injectable Filler Radiance®

Q: Dr. Goldberg, what is Radiance® and what can it be used for?

A: Radiance® FN is a long-lasting filler, manufactured by BioForm, Radiance® is an injectable product that can be used to rectify soft tissue defect, plump lips and fill deep facial wrinkles. Radiance® FN, a long-lasting filler, manufactured by BioForm, has been approved by the FDA for medical use in strengthening vocal cords and bladders, and is being reviewed for aesthetic purposes. Radiance has a myriad of other uses, for example, it can also **be used for procedures such as repairing post-rhinoplasty defects and making chins or cheekbones bigger - without surgery.**

Q: How does it work?

A: Radiance® FN consists of microscopic spheres of calcium hydroxyapatite, a normal constituent of bone, and has been used in humans for many years for prosthetic implants in dental, facial and orthopedic surgery. The product remains soft after it is injected and gives a very natural appearance.

Q: How does Radiance® compare to collagen?

A: Long-term studies from Italy suggest that Radiance® FN will not elicit a chronic inflammatory or immune response, and it does not require allergy testing such as required with collagen. Radiance® FN can be injected during an office visit and since it is biologically compatible with the body, it will produce no local or systemic toxicity. Highly durable, studies show that Radiance® FN will last beyond two years, compared to the 2-3 month duration of Collagen or Restylane® injections. This is also cost-effective for patients who must return for frequent collagen injections.

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