



## Indications

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# The basics of spasticity

As a movement disorder specialist, you likely encounter many patients in your practice with spasticity, a condition in which muscles have an abnormal increase in tone. This can lead to abnormal limb positions and prevent normal limb movement.

Spasticity occurs when motor neurons in the brain or spinal cord are damaged. In the majority of cases, it is caused by a neurological condition or an external trauma.<sup>2</sup>

#### THE MOST COMMON ETIOLOGICAL CAUSES ARE<sup>1,2</sup>:

// Stroke// Traumatic brain or spinal cord injury // Multiple sclerosis // Cerebral palsy

#### **YOUR PATIENTS WITH SPASTICITY MAY HAVE STIFFNESS AND SPASMS** in their arms (upper limb spasticity, or ULS), legs (lower limb spasticity, or ULS) or both. In most cases, spasticity

(lower limb spasticity, or LLS), or both. In most cases, spasticity limits or prevents them from performing activities of daily living.<sup>2</sup>

# How a botulinum toxin may help

As you know, physical or occupational therapy (PT/OT) can be an important part of the treatment regimen for patients with spasticity. Sometimes, patients receive oral medications along with PT/OT to help manage their condition.<sup>1</sup>

However, some patients do not receive sufficient symptom relief from these forms of therapy alone. In those cases, a specialist may prescribe botulinum neurotoxin injections, also known as botulinum toxin, or simply, a toxin.<sup>1,2</sup>



Toxins are given by a trained

injector to improve muscle

tone and help reduce

stiffness and spasms<sup>2</sup>



## **HOW THEY WORK**

Toxins inhibit the release of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine at the neuromuscular junction that is responsible for muscle contractions<sup>2</sup>

## WORK

Injections are typically administered approximately every 3 months in the affected muscles<sup>2</sup>

TIMEFRAME

Patients may receive a different botulinum toxin even if they have been treated with a toxin in the past.<sup>3</sup> Take a closer look: To learn about Dysport<sup>®</sup> and how it was shown to relieve symptoms, turn to page 6.

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Finding the right treatment plan may help

your patients reach their therapy goals.

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compromised. Patients treated with botulinum toxin may require immediate medical attention should they develop problems with swallowing, speech, or respiratory disorders. These reactions can occur within hours to weeks after injection with botulinum toxin.



# The impact of spasticity

A botulinum toxin may not be right for everyone. But there may be patients in your practice who may benefit from this type of therapy. In fact, the American Academy of Neurology recommends a toxin as first-line treatment for focal spasticity—yet less than 5% of eligible patients receive it.<sup>4,5</sup>

To identify candidates who may be appropriate for referral for  $\mathsf{Dysport}^\circledast$  injections, consider these example cases.

## PATRICIA // AGE 45 Educator and mother of 2

## **MEDICAL HISTORY**

// Experiences spasms

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 3 years ago; developed spasticity in her legs.

// Has increased plantar flexion and ankle inversion

throughout the day, often

accompanied by curling of toes

- // Has been receiving physical therapy 3 times a week for the past 6 months
- // Takes oral medication to manage pain/symptoms

### **CURRENT CHALLENGES**

// Spasms impede mobility, balance, and other physical functions

- // Muscle tone increases and curling of toes worsens as she walks, resulting in short step lengths
- // Uses a single point cane; often needs assistance from family members for mobility

TREATMENT GOAL: Reduce ankle plantar flexion/inversion and as well as toe flexion with ambulation

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

## Warnings and Precautions (continued)

#### Pre-existing Neuromuscular Disorders

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Individuals with peripheral motor neuropathic diseases, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or neuromuscular junction disorders (e.g., myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome) should be monitored particularly closely when given botulinum toxin. Patients with neuromuscular disorders may be at increased risk of clinically significant effects including severe dysphagia and respiratory compromise from typical doses of Dysport.

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may be appropriate candidates to refer to a trained toxin injector.

Patients like Patricia and Ralph

// Tried an oral medication, but

drowsiness

discontinued it due to daytime

// Has been receiving outpatient

therapy, which improves his

physical and occupational

symptoms slightly

## RALPH // AGE 59 General contractor (part time)

## **MEDICAL HISTORY**

Right intracerebral hemorrhage 2 years ago.

- // Left spastic hemiparesis affected
  his dominant arm
- // Reports tightness at his elbow, wrist, and fingers, which causes a posture of flexion at the elbow and fisting of his hand

## CURRENT CHALLENGES

// Elbow flexes when he walks

- // Can hold items in his left hand, but has difficulty letting go
- // Needs help placing his clenched hand through a sleeve

TREATMENT GOAL: Reducing hypertonicity of affected left elbow, wrist, and finger flexors

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Hypothetical patient and case study.

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# Why Dysport<sup>®</sup>?

A trained injector can help your patients determine if toxin treatment is appropriate. One option an injector may consider is Dysport (pronounced DIS-port), an FDA-approved prescription medication indicated for both adult ULS and adult LLS.<sup>1</sup>

In a clinical trial for adult ULS, patients treated with Dysport 500 Units and Dysport 1000 Units achieved a significant reduction in muscle tone at Week 4<sup>1,6</sup>



Study Design: The efficacy and safety of Dysport were evaluated in a randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 238 adults with upper limb spasticity. The co-primary efficacy endpoints were mean change in Modified Ashworth Scale (MAS) score in the PTMG (elbow, wrist, or finger flexors) and Physician's Global Assessment (PGA) of response to treatment between baseline and week 4. MAS score at baseline (mean [SD]): placebo, 3.9 (±0.4); Dysport 500 Units, 3.9 (±0.5); Dysport 1000 Units, 3.9 (±0.4). Follow-up assessments occurred at weeks 1, 4, and 12; follow-up visits were also permitted at weeks 16, 20, and 24 as needed for retreatment. After 3 months of on-study treatment, patients were given the opportunity to continue open-label treatment with Dysport for up to 5 additional treatment cycles.<sup>1,6</sup>

## Symptom relief that lasts between injections<sup>1,6</sup>

// Retreatment was between 12 and 16 weeks for 83% of patients; however, some had a longer duration of response

// Time to retreatment was not the primary endpoint

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

## Warnings and Precautions (continued)

### Intradermal Immune Reaction

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In a clinical trial for adult LLS, patients treated with Dysport 1500 Units achieved a significant reduction in muscle tone at Week 4<sup>1,6</sup>



Study Design: The efficacy of Dysport was evaluated in a randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in 381 adults with lower limb spasticity. The primary efficacy endpoint was muscle tone assessed by LS mean change from baseline in Modified Ashworth Scale (MAS) score at the affected ankle joint at week 4. MAS score at baseline (mean [SD]): placebo, 3.9 (±0.5); Dysport 1000 Units, 3.8 (±0.5), Dysport 1500 Units, 3.7 (±0.5). Follow-up assessments occurred at weeks 1, 4, and 12; follow-up visits were also permitted at weeks 16, 20, and 24 as needed for retreatment. After 3 months of on-study treatment, patients were given the opportunity to continue open-label treatment with Dysport.<sup>16</sup>

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LS=least squares; SD=standard deviation.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

## **Most Common Adverse Reactions**

Adults with lower limb spasticity (≥5%): falls, muscular weakness, and pain in extremity and with upper limb spasticity (≥4%): muscular weakness.

### Pediatric patients with lower limb spasticity (≥10%):

nasopharyngitis, cough and pyrexia and with **upper limb spasticity** (≥10%): upper respiratory tract infection and pharyngitis.



# Safety of Dysport®

## Dysport has a demonstrated, well-studied safety profile across indications.

Safety results in 391 adult patients with upper limb spasticity receiving Dysport up to 1000 Units.<sup>1</sup>

#### Adverse reactions observed in ≥2% of adults with ULS and reported more frequently than with placebo<sup>1\*</sup>

Adverse Reactions	Dysport 500 Units (n=197), %	Dysport 1000 Units (n=194), %	Placebo (n=279), %
Infections and infestations			
Influenza	1	2	1
Infection	1	2	1
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders			
Muscular weakness	2	4	1
Pain in extremity	0	2	1
Back pain	1	2	1
Nervous system disorders			
Headache	1	2	1
Convulsion	2	2	1
Syncope	1	2	0
Hypesthesia	0	2	<1
Partial seizures	0	2	0
General disorders and administration site conditions			
Fatigue	2	2	0
Asthenia	2	1	<1
Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications			
Fall	2	3	2
Injury	2	2	1
Contusion	1	2	<1
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Diarrhea	1	2	<1
Constipation	0	2	1
Investigation			
Blood triglycerides increased	2	1	0
Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders			
Cough	1	2	1
Vascular disorders			
Hypertension	1	2	<1
Psychiatric disorders			
Depression	2	3	1

\*Data from pooled, double-blind trials of adults with ULS.

If you would like to learn more about Dysport for the treatment of spasticity, please visit <u>DysportHCP.com/PTOT</u>

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Safety results in 255 adult patients with lower limb spasticity receiving Dysport up to 1500 Units.<sup>1</sup>

#### Adverse reactions observed in ≥2% of adults with LLS and reported more frequently than with placebo<sup>1†</sup>

Adverse Reactions	Dysport 1000 Units (n=127), %	Dysport 1500 Units (n=128), %	Placebo (n=130), %
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders			
Muscular weakness	2	7	3
Pain in extremity	6	6	2
Arthralgia	4	2	1
Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications			
Fall	9	6	3
Nervous system disorders			
Headache	0	3	1
General disorders and administration site conditions			
Fatigue	1	4	0
Influenza-like illness	2	0	0
Edema peripheral	2	0	0
Investigations			
Alanine aminotransferase increased	2	0	1
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Constipation	0	2	1
Psychiatric disorders			
Depression	2	3	0
Insomnia	0	2	0

<sup>†</sup>Data from a double-blind trial of adults with LLS.

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## Most Common Adverse Reactions (continued)

Adults with cervical dystonia (≥5%): muscular weakness, dysphagia, dry mouth, injection site discomfort, fatigue, headache, musculoskeletal pain, dysphonia, injection site pain, and eye disorders.

## **Drug Interactions**

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## **Special Populations**

## Use in Pregnancy

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Dysport should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Based on animal data, Dysport may cause fetal harm.

### Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of Dysport injected into proximal muscles of the lower limb for the treatment of spasticity in pediatric patients has not been established. Based on animal data Dysport may cause atrophy of injected and adjacent muscles; decreased bone growth, length, and mineral content; delayed sexual maturation; and decreased fertility.

### Geriatric Use

In general, elderly patients should be observed to evaluate their tolerability of Dysport, due to the greater frequency of concomitant disease and other drug therapy. Subjects aged 65 years and over who were treated with Dysport for lower limb spasticity reported a greater percentage of fall and asthenia as compared to those younger (10% vs. 6% and 4% vs. 2%, respectively).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS or product complaints, contact lpsen at 1-855-463-5127. You may also report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or <u>www.fda.gov/medwatch</u>.



# Find a Dysport<sup>®</sup> injector

Your patient may already have a physician who treats their spasticity. However, not all physicians are trained to administer botulinum toxin injections.

If you think your patients may benefit from having a trained Dysport injector on their care team to complement the therapy you provide, you can use our Injector Locator to help them find one in your area.

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