

# BOTOX for the Treatment of Migraines

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Botulinum Toxin (BOTOX) is a proven, safe and successful treatment for chronic migraine headaches. Extensive research has been done internationally and in Australia. Dr Saul Geffen has extensive experience treating headache, migraine and other conditions with BOTOX.

The procedure is performed in rooms and involves multiple small injections across the scalp, forehead and back of the neck. It may be slightly painful, similar to an ant-bite or dental needle; however, precautions are taken to minimise pain.

In certain circumstances, BOTOX is subsidised by the Federal Government for the treatment of migraines by neurologists. Our neurologist, Prof Michael O'Sullivan, works with Dr Geffen to provide access to funded BOTOX for eligible patients. All consultations with our doctors attract a Medicare rebate.

If you have less than 15 headache days per month and have not tried multiple other preventative medications, you are NOT eligible for government subsidised BOTOX.

For ineligible patients, BOTOX is charged at cost-price and there is no mark-up. Some individuals get a rebate from their private health insurance or claim a rebate via other avenues.

If you wish to discuss this treatment plan further, please contact the administration team to arrange an appointment with Dr Geffen or Prof O'Sullivan.