

Radiance Patient Information

What is BioForm Radiance FN?

Radiance is the latest injectable substance that is newly available for cosmetic purposes to give you fuller lips and fill in wrinkles and lines. Radiance is made up of microscopic calcium particles (hydroxylapatite) that are found in bone and suspended in gel. This is a safe material (one that is already in use for dental reconstruction, bone growth, and vocal cord injection) and one that has proven to be very compatible with the body. Unlike Collagen it does not require an allergy test, and lasts two to five years!

How long does Radiance last?

Studies show that BioForm Radiance FN will last approximately 2 to 5 years, and can last even longer.

What are the side effects of Radiance?

Normal side effects are swelling for the first 2 days. Since calcium hydroxylapatite is a normal component of bone (a substance already familiar to the body) and does not contain any animal products there is no allergy test required before treatment. In rare cases a patient may experience tiny calcium deposits that may rise to the surface of the skin and appear like small white bumps. If this occurs the deposits can easily be excised and removed. The longest term studies with this product have been done in Italy. Test results from Italy suggest that "**Radiance**" shows promise as a new agent for facial contouring with no serious side effects and reasonable efficacy and durability.

Is Radiance FDA approved?

BioForm Radiance implants have been FDA approved and have been in use for many years in dental, facial, and orthopedic surgery and for vocal cord augmentation. BioForm Radiance is still in the process of becoming approved for cosmetic use, and similar to Botox it is currently being used by doctors off-label until the FDA approval comes (expected sometime 2004).

How does Radiance compare to Collagen or other products?

The advantage of using Radiance is the potential for long lasting effect. Radiance will last approximately 2 to 5 years (about 10-15 times longer than collagen). Radiance contains no animal products and therefore requires no allergy test prior to treatments. One cc of Radiance can treat about twice as many areas as 1cc of traditional collagen. Radiance is also often more natural appearing and feeling. Radiance requires fewer injections per area but the Doctor will need to do dental blocks to numb the area, as the injections are more painful than Collagen.

Where can Radiance be used?

FDA Approved as a Tissue Marker and for Vocal Fold applications. Additional recent approval in Cranio-Facial procedures. Radiance can be used to improve fullness of the lips or improve wrinkles in areas like the smile lines (or nasolabial folds). It is usually used to improve lines and wrinkles on areas in the lower half of the face.