

## THINKING ABOUT MACROLANE INJECTIONS?

Thank you for enquiry into Macrolane treatment with Mr Shoab, at the Glasgow Nuffield Hospital. This information sheet will tell you what happens during the treatment and what happens after the treatment. If you have any questions that are not answered after reading this then please ask us.

### What is Macrolane

Macrolane is an injection of a substance called hyaluronic acid (or HA). HA is a naturally occurring substance that is present throughout your body. HA is already widely used in cosmetic surgery to fill and smooth out fine lines and wrinkles in various parts of the face. Examples of HAs currently in use include: restylane, perlane, prevelle, puragen, hydrafill and juvederm. The difference with Macrolane is that it is far thicker than any of the previous HAs that we have and so we can use it to reshape parts of your body. Macrolane is commonly used for breast enhancement and to fill areas of unwanted contours.

### What can we do with Macrolane

For breast enlargement, we can increase the breast size by 100cc on each side, which is the equivalent of around one cup size. Because it is an injection, the procedure can be performed in around one hour and there is minimal recovery time needed.

### What we know and don't know about Macrolane

Macrolane usually needs a top up every year. So, we will arrange to see you at this time at a consultation. You will not receive a top up at that time, but we will simply want to see you to assess your progress. At this time you may choose to have more treatment or not, as the case may be. You can also receive a top up any time after your treatment from a few weeks onwards if you feel you need more than the maximum we can give in one session.

Macrolane is a new product and we want to know all about your experiences. We know that the substance it contains (hyaluronic acid) has been injected into millions of people and has a very good safety record. We do not know, however, what effects it has on your tissues (eg the breast, if it is injected there) in the long term but we have no reason to think it will not be safe for you. We will only have the answers to this question in several decades' time once it has been around for several decades. Macrolane gradually dissolves away from your tissues over the year, and if you are particularly concerned about the presence of the product inside you, then there is another injection we can give which dissolves hyaluronic acid. In the mean time, however, Q-med, the manufacturers of Macrolane, tell us it is very safe.

### What happens now

Now that you have some information about Macrolane, the next step is to make an appointment with Mr Shoab at the Glasgow Nuffield Hospital. At the consultation you can discuss whether you would like to go ahead or not with the procedure and we can book you in for treatment. A consultation does not commit you to treatment but it gives us an opportunity to discuss everything in detail so that you can make an informed decision.

### Finally

We look forward to seeing you for your consultation and treatment. Please look at [www.macrolaneuk.com](http://www.macrolaneuk.com) on a regular basis to read all about the product from the manufacturers and please ask us if you have any questions.