

Title: Dysphagia after Botulinum Toxin Injection: A Case Report

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Botulinum toxin is widely used to treat several conditions such as spasticity, blepharospasm, strabismus, torticollis, overactive bladder, hyperhidrosis, and migraine headache. Among the several side effects possible following botulinum toxin administration, dysphagia has been reported both after injection of muscles near, and distant to the swallowing mechanism. We report the case of a woman treated with botulinum type A toxin for cervical dystonia and outline her clinical course after developing severe dysphagia requiring feeding tube insertion. Literature regarding the frequency and mechanisms of this side effect are reviewed and discussed.