

## Botox seeks approval as a treatment for chronic pain

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Botox has been a proven reliever of chronic pain; however, this application has yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Botox has actually been used as a treatment for chronic pain for several years now. Recently, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons conference in Washington discussed a new study that aims to prove Botox as a legitimate treatment for selected chronic pains in a long-term basis.

Commonly, doctors use medication, heat therapy, exercise, and massage to treat chronic pain. In a recent experiment, eight patients suffering from chronic pains were treated with monthly Botox injections for one month. The results indicated significant pain relief.

Typically, Botox is used for anti-wrinkle cosmetics. However, recent studies have unlocked new applications for the cosmetic drug.

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