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The trade name for an injectable form of the neurotoxin protein of the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*. Since 2002, when the FDA approved its use to temporarily reduce wrinkles, Botox[®] has become the most common cosmetic procedure in the U.S. Its use is not within the Scope of Practice for dental hygienists. For more information, see “Root of the Matter,” ACCESS Spring 09.