Onabotulinum toxin A (Botox and Botox cosmetic)

FDA has approved Onabotulinum toxin A for temporary improvement in the appearance of moderate to severe lateral canthal lines

http://fda.gov/newsevents/newsrooms/pressannouncements/ucm3676622.htm

- Onabotulinum toxin A, a derivative of botulinum toxin is used in treatment of chronic migraine, severe underarm sweating, blephrospasm and strabismus.

- Safety and efficacy of Botox Cosmetic’s for treating lateral canthal lines has been established in two clinical studies

- Botox Cosmetic is administered through an intramuscular injection

- The most common adverse effect of Onabotulinum toxin A for treatment of lateral canthal lines is eyelid edema

- The effect of botulism toxin may spread from area of injection to other areas of body causing symptoms similar to those of botulism including life threatening events like swallowing and breathing difficulty.

- No serious case of toxin spread has been reported when Onabotulinum toxin A has been used at the recommended dose for the approved indications