

Including an effective means of communication for patients with unambiguous signs and symptoms of OAC in post-operative instructions may reduce complications for the patient and remove the risk of litigation for the practitioner.

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Further filler complication

Sir, we read with interest the recent letter regarding dermal filler complications presenting to emergency departments.¹

Another filler complication, as a consequence of infection/abscess formation subsequent to filler injections and a post-injection inflammatory response, is that

of collection and cavity formation under pressure, skin thinning and even necrosis of the skin. These were complications witnessed in a patient of ours last year during the COVID-19 pandemic. This prompted extensive investigation for any underlying immunosuppression; eg diabetes, blood-borne virus, use of steroids, COVID-19 testing, culture of organisms drained and a referral for consideration regarding excision/reconstruction of the affected area which was at least 4 cm in diameter involving the left external cheek. Fortunately, this was not a through and through defect into the oral cavity. This complication has been reported previously and has been subject to a literature review.²

We hope this experience further alerts colleagues within maxillofacial units to the potential complications associated with dermal fillers.

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