Unique Therapeutic Qualities of Botulinum Toxin A Products – A review of the 3 current toxins in Canada and their similarities and differences





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Learning Objectives

1	Understand the differences in the manufacturing, formulation, and potency testing amongst Botulinum Toxin A products available in Canada
2	Discuss the role of Botulinum Toxin A in post stroke spasticity
3	Identify available spasticity screening tools





Understanding the Characteristic Differences of Botulinum Toxin A Products

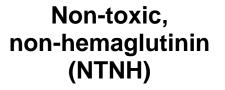




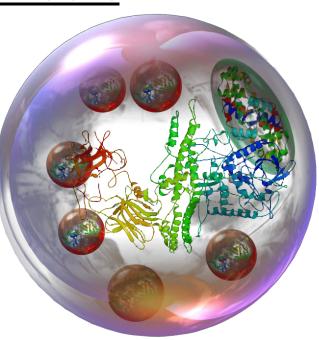
The Unique Molecular Structure of Botulinum Toxin A

Clostridium botulinum is a gram positive, anaerobic, rod-shaped bacterium that produces seven serologically <u>distinct</u> neurotoxins (A, B, C1, D, E, F, G).

Non-Toxic Accessory Proteins



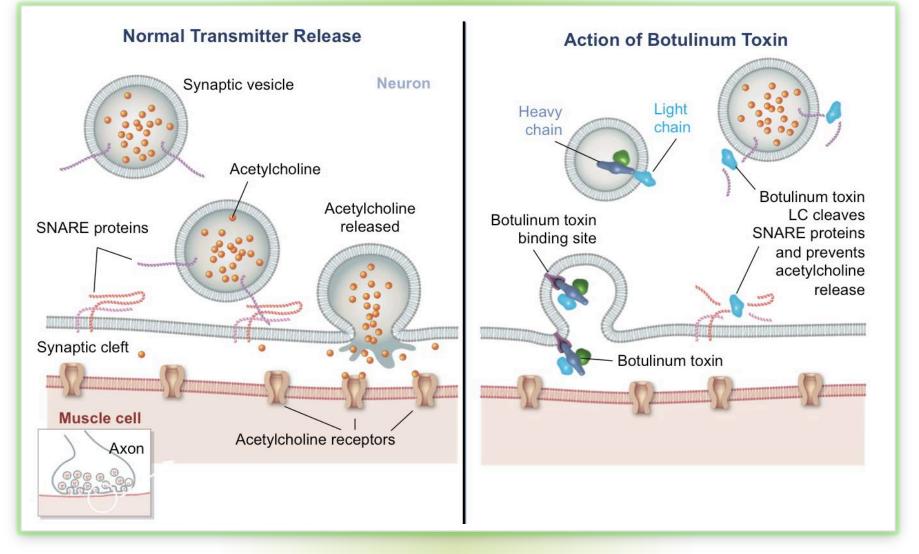
Hemaglutinin (HA)



150 kDa neurotoxin protein

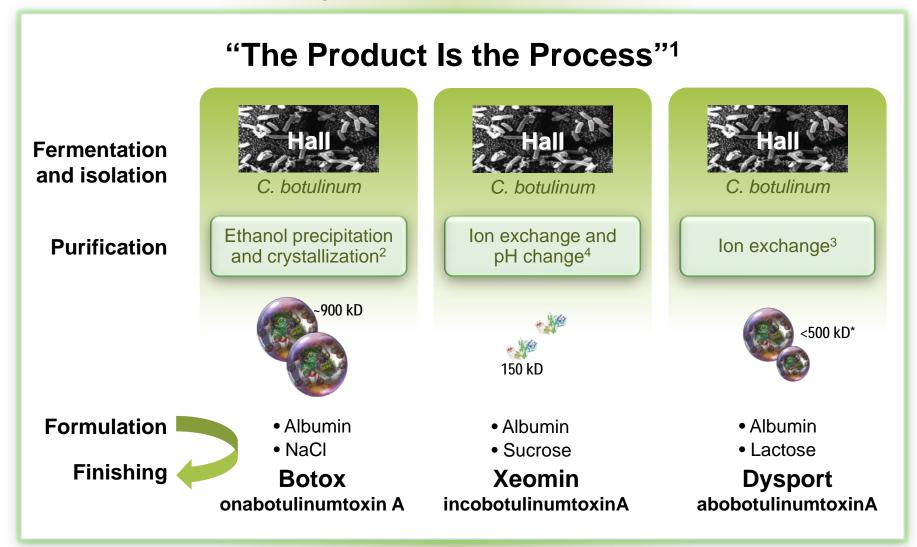


Mechanism of Action: Botulinum Toxin A (BoNT)



Rowland LP. N Engl J Med 2002; 347(6):382-3.

There Are Significant Differences Between Toxin Manufacturing Processes, Which Leads to Distinctly Different End Products:



1. Schellekens H. *Nephrol Dial Transplant* 2005;20[Suppl 4]: iv31–iv36. 2. Schantz and Johnson. *Microbiol Rev.* 1992;56(1): 80-99; 3. Hambleton. *J Neurol.* 1992;239:16-20; 4. Canadian Intellectual Property Office patent #CA 2376193; Botox (onabotulinumtoxinA), Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA, Dysport (abobotulinumtoxinA); *Web FDA Dysport chemistry review. Exact weights and composition have not be reported by the manufacturer NS H E A L



Product Ingredients

ΒΟΤΟΧ	Xeomin	Dysport
OnabotulinumtoxinA	IncobotulinumtoxinA	AbobotulinumtoxinA
HSA: 500 µg (100U) NaCl: 0.9 mg	HSA: 1000 µg (100 U) Sucrose: 4.7 mg	HSA: 125 µg (300 U) Lactose: 2.5 mg

Botox[®] Product Monograph, Allergan, Inc., Markham, ON 2014, Xeomin[®] Product Monograph, Merz Pharma Canada Ltd. Burlington, ON 2015 Dysport® Product Monograph, Ipsen Biopharm Limited. Mississauga ON. June 2016 *Exact quantities of excipients described in Dysport® American PI (July 2015 US Prescribing Information) HSA: Human Serum Albumin; Botox (onabotulinumtoxinA), Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA, Dysport (abobotulinumtoxinA))



How Do the Botulinum Toxin A Products Differ?

	BOTOX ^{®1}	XEOMIN ^{®2}	DYSPORT ^{™3}					
Non-Proprietary Name	onabotulinumtoxinA	incobotulinumtoxinA	abobotulinumtoxinA					
	•	atory agencies deemed th equired unique chemical	-					
Healthy Canadians Canadä								
Recalls & alerts • Kids •	Food Your Health Environme	nt * Consumer products						
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New Labelling Information for All Botulinum Toxin Products: Botox/Botox Cosmetic, Dysport, Xeomin/Xeomin Cosmetic and Myobolic.Jan 2013. http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2013/16787a-eng.php?_ga=1.42483045.1158135760.1472153358; Botox (onabotulinumtoxinA), Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA, Dysport (abobotulinumtoxinA)

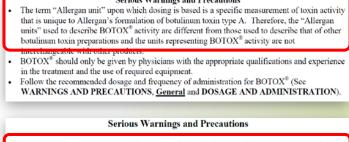
Different Measures of Potency Between Botulinum Toxin A Products

	BOTOX ¹	XEOMIN ²	DYSPORT ³		
Non-Proprietary Name	onabotulinumtoxinA	incobotulinumtoxinA	abobotulinumtoxinA		
	1 Botox unit defined per Allergan potency assay	1 Xeomin unit defined per Mertz potency assay	1 Dysport unit defined per Ipsen assay		

Health Canada and other regulatory agencies deemed the products not interchangeable, and required unique chemical names All product monographs carry a warning regarding non-interchangeability of units

Dysport





 The term "unit" or "U" upon which dosing is based, is a specific measurement of toxin activity that is unique to XEOMIN[®]. Therefore, the "unit" or "U" used to describe XEOMIN[®] activity are different from those used to describe that of other botulinum toxin preparations and the unit representing XEOMIN[®] activity are not interchangeable.

with other products.

Botox

Xeomin

• Follow the recommended dosage and frequency of administration for XEOMIN[®] (See DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Serious Warnings and Precautions

- The term "Unit" upon which dosing is based, is a specific measurement of toxin activity that is unique to Ipsen's formulation of abobotulinumtoxinA. Therefore, the units used to describe DYSPORT[®] activity are different from those used to describe that of other botulinum toxin preparations and the units representing DYSPORT[®] activity are not interchangeable with other products.
- DYSPORT[®] should only be administered by physicians with the appropriate quantications and experience in the treatment and the use of required equipment.
- Follow the recommended dosage and frequency of administration for DYSPORT[®] (See WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, <u>General</u> and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

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Botulinum Toxin A Product Indications Differ

Indications	Botox	Xeomin	Dysport
Blepharospasm	\checkmark	\checkmark	X
Cervical dystonia	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Chronic Migraine	\checkmark	X	X
Paediatric Cerebral Palsy patients ≥2 years old	\checkmark	X	X
Focal spasticity, including Upper Limb Associated with Stroke	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Urinary incontinence in adults with neurogenic detrusor overactivity resulting from neurogenic bladder due to stable sub- cervical spinal cord injury, or multiple sclerosis.	\checkmark	X	X
Idiopathic overactive bladder with symptoms of urinary incontinence, urgency and frequency in adult patients who have an inadequate response to, or are intolerant of, anticholinergic medication	~	X	X

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Understanding the Role of Botulinum Toxin A in Post Stroke Spasticity



Epidemiology of Stroke

Stroke...

- Is the leading cause of adult disability in Canada
- Is the third leading cause of death in Canada
- ~ 426,000 Canadians are living with the effects of stroke
- Costs the Canadian economy more than \$3.6 billion / year

Over 50,000 new strokes annually in Canada... that is **one stroke every 10 minutes**

http://ontariostrokenetwork.ca/information-about-stroke/stroke-stats-and-facts/





What Happens After a Stroke?

50% of Patients Have Moderate to Severe Impairments Post-stroke¹ **Impairment:** a functional and/ Severe Death, (LTC), or physical deficit 15% 10% caused by stroke affecting ≥1 Complete neurological Recovery, domains² 10% Moderate to Severe Impairment, Minor 40% Impairment, 25%

1. National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: Stroke Rehabilitation Information. Accessed Nov 28 2013

2. Kelly-Hayes et al. Stroke 1998: 29; 1274-1280

Motor Impairment in Chronic Post-stroke

- Weakness is one of the most common impairments in chronic post-stroke and a major factor in limiting motor performance¹
- In the first year following stroke:
 - Nearly 50% of stroke patients decline in mobility function²
 - Over 65% experience hemiparetic motor dysfunction¹
- Muscle strengthening and exercise is crucial in addition to pharmacotherapy to:
 - Promote functional improvement in strength/timing of muscle activation and cardiorespiratory fitness^{1,3}
 - Prevent additional long-term disability such as chronic post-stroke spasticity¹

1. Pak S & Patten *Top Stroke Rehab* 2008: 15; 177-199. 177C 2. Ivey et al. *J Amer Soc Exp Neurother* 2006;3:439-450 3.Gordon et al. *Stroke* 2004;35:1230-1240

What Is Post Stroke Spasticity?

Defined as:

- Velocity-dependent increase in muscle tone
- Exaggerated tendon jerks
- At times can be painful, interfere with functional recovery and slow rehabilitation efforts

But...

 Modifications to the definition occurred by experts, since tendency to classify all stiffness as spasticity

Chronic Spasticity in Stroke Survivors

- Upwards of 40% of stroke survivors may develop spasticity¹⁻³
- Spasticity in stroke survivors may lead to reductions in⁴:
 - Ability to perform activities of daily living
 - Health-related quality of life (HRQoL)

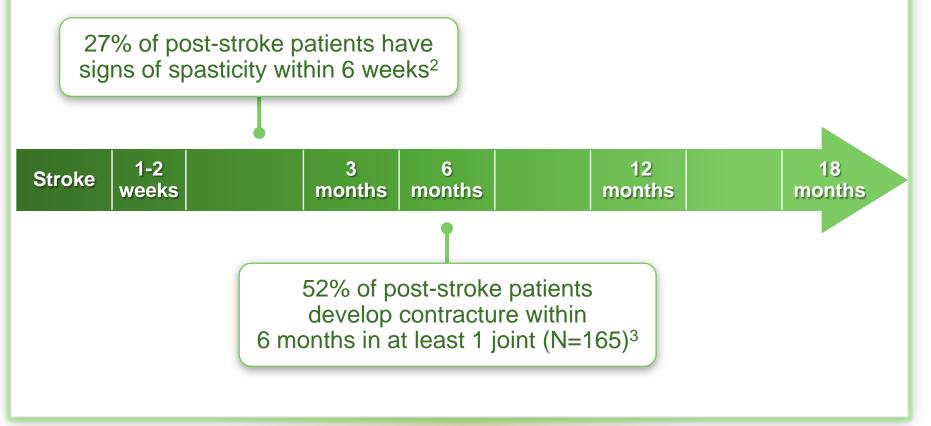
Treatments that reduce spasticity and disability will likely increase functioning and improve HRQoL in stroke survivors⁴

1. Sommerfeld et al. *Stroke* 2004; 35: 134-139 2. Wissel et al. *J Neurol* 2010: 257; 1067-1072

3. Urban et al. Stroke 2010: 41; 2016-2020 4. Zorowitz et al. Neurology 2013; 80 (S2): S99-S106

Post-stroke Spasticity Symptoms Can Worsen When Left Untreated

 Post-stroke spasticity is a chronic problem and needs to be monitored over time¹



1. Sunnergan et al. *Neurology* 2013; 80(S2): S36-S44 2. Wissel J et al. *J Neurol* 2010;257:1067-1072

3. Kwah et al. *J Physiother* 2012; 58: 41-47



Spasticity Treatment Goals

When creating a treatment plan, discuss goals with patients and caregivers. It is important to make sure everyone is on the same page in terms of expectations.

Ma	Major classes of treatment goals and examples ^{1,2}						
Technical objectives	 Increase range of motion Reduce muscle tone Reduce muscle spasms 						
Functional objectives	 Improve activities of daily living (e.g. dressing, hygiene) Reduce pain Enhance ease of care Improve limb position Improve walking and other movements 						
Preventive objectives	 Prevent immobility Prevent pressure sores Delay or prevent surgery 						



What Is the Place of the Toxins in Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines?

Upper Limb Spasticity

Botulinum Toxin A: can be used to increase **range of motion** and decrease **pain** for focal and/or symptomatically distressing spasticity

Oral medications: Can be prescribed for disabling spasticity:

Tizanidine: Can be used for more generalized disabling spasticity

Baclofen: Can be used as a lower cost option, but not studied in this population

Benzodiazepines: Avoid due to sedating side effects, which may impair recovery

Herbert D et al. Canadian stroke best practice recommendations: stroke rehabilitation practice guidelines, update 2015. Int J Stroke 2016; 0(0): 1- 26, wso.sagepub.com



What Is the Place of the Toxins in Canadian Clinical Practice Guidelines?

Lower Limb Spasticity

Botulinum Toxin A: can be used to reduce spasticity, increase range of motion and improve gait for focal and/or symptomatically distressing spasticity

Oral medications: Can be prescribed for disabling spasticity:

Tizanidine: Can be used for more generalized disabling spasticity

Baclofen: Can be used as a lower cost option to treat more generalized disability spasticity

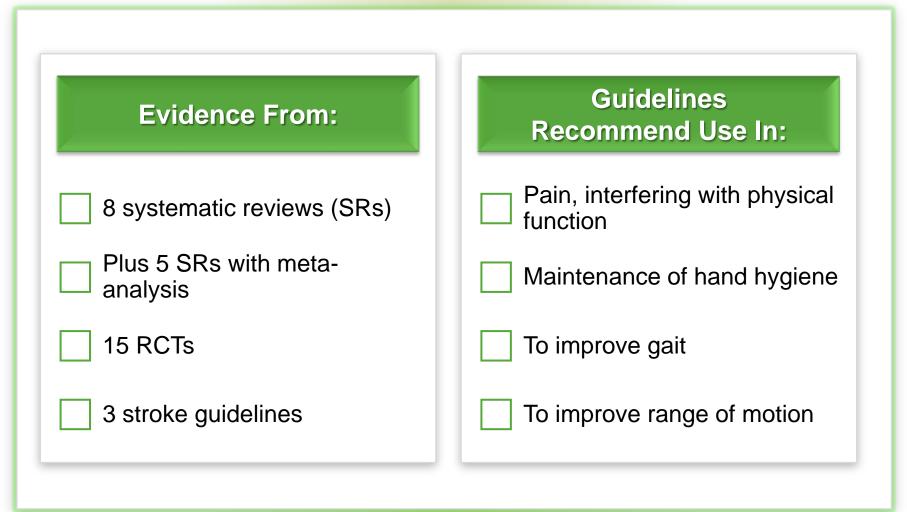
Benzodiazepines: Avoid due to sedating side effects, which may impair recovery

Intrathecal Baclofen: For specific cases of severe, intractable and disabling / painful spasticity

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How Does CADTH Position the Evidence on Toxins?



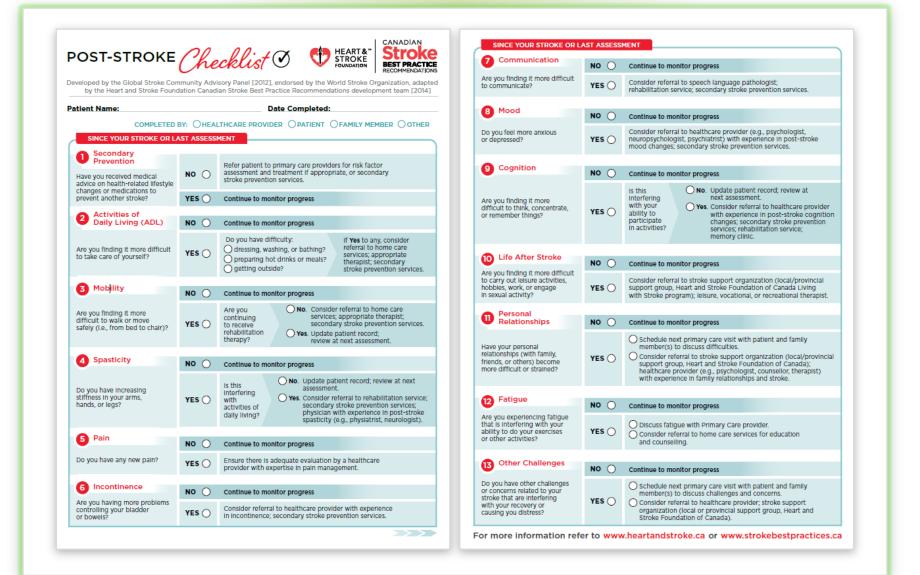
CADTH examined the clinical effectiveness and the clinical guidelines of botulinum toxin for spasticity in adults. Source: Rapid Response Report: Summary of Abstract on Botulinum Toxin for Spasticity: Clinical Effectiveness and Guidelines; The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH), April 7, 2016; RCT = Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial



Tools for Post Stroke Spasticity Screening



Global Stroke Assessment



Spasticity Screening Tool

ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

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A Screening Tool to Identify Spasticity in Need of Treatment

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- Objective: To develop a clinically useful patient-reported screening tool for health care providers to identify patients with spasticity in need of treatment regardless of etiology.
- Design: Eleven spasticity experts participated in a modified Delphi panel and reviewed and revised 2 iterations of a screening tool designed to identify spasticity symptoms and impact on daily function and sleep. Spasticity expert panelists evaluated items pooled from existing questionnaires to gain consensus on the screening tool content. The study also included cognitive interviews of 20 patients with varying spasticity etiologies to determine if the draft screening tool was understandable and relevant to patients with spasticity.
- Results: The Delphi panel reached an initial consensus on 21 of 47 items for the screening tool and determined that the tool should have no more than 11 to 15 items and a 1-month recall period for symptom and impact items. After 2 rounds of review, 13 items were selected and modified by the expert panelists. Most patients (n = 16 [80%]) completed the cognitive interview and interpreted the items as intended.
- Conclusions: Through the use of a Delphi panel and patient interviews, a 13-item spasticity screening tool was developed that will be practical and easy to use in routine clinical practice.

Key Words: Delphi Technique, Patient Outcome Assessment, Screening, Muscle Spasticity

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1	How bad is the stiffness	or tic	htness of vo	ur mi	uscles, either at re	st wł	en vou mo	ve. or	are being moved
	a I dan't have stiffness or tightness	_	A little stiff or tight	_	Somewhat still or tight	_	Very stiff or tight	_	Extremely still or tight
2	How difficult is it for you tightness in your muscle		aighten, ber	nd, or	flex your limb(s) (l	leg[s]	or arm[s]) (due to	stiffness or
	a Not difficult at all	Π,	A little difficult	D 2	Somewhat difficult	0,	Very difficult	۵.	l am unable to straight band, or flax my limbs
3	How bad are your spase	ns th	at occur unp	redict	ably or are caused	d by r	novement?		
	a i don't have spasms	\Box	A little bad		Somewhat bad		Very bed		Extremely bed
4	Are any of the above stil Please specify the locati			or spa	asms associated v	vith p	ain?		
	a No, I don't have any pain	Π,	Yes, a little bit of pain	D 2	Yes, some pain	D 3	Yes, quite a bit of pain	•	Yes, a lot of pain
5	Over the past month, ho in your muscles?	w oft	en was your	sleep	disrupted becaus	se of :	stiffness, tig	htnes	s, or spasms
	a Never		Ranely		Sometimes	\square_{2}	Offen	\square	Every night
5	Over the last month, how	w bot	hersome wa	s you	r muscle stiffness,	tight	ness, or sp	asms	?
	a Not bothersome at all	Π,	A little bothersome	D 2	Somewhat bothersome	۵,	Very bothersome	۵.	Extremely bothersom
Upper	Limb Specific								
7	How bad is your hand cl	ench	ing on its ow	m?					
	a I don't have any hand clenching		It clenches a little	D 2	it clenches somewhat	۵	It clenches quite a bit	□.	It clenches all the way
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9	How difficult is it for you	or yo	ur caregiver	to cle	san your armpit du	ie to s	tiffness or	tightne	ess in your arm?
	o Not difficult at all	\Box	A little difficult		Somewhat difficult		Very difficult		Extremely difficult
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	a Not difficult at all	۵,	A little difficult		Somewhat difficult		Very difficult		Extremely difficult
Lower	Limb Specific								
11	How bad is your foot an when you try to move?	d/or t	oes <u>pulling ir</u>	n, <u>cur</u> l	ing, <u>sticking up</u> , o	r othe	rwise <u>gettir</u>	1g stu	ck on their own
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12	How difficult is it to walk	or m	ove your leg	(s) du	e to stiffness or tig	ghtne	ss in your le	eg(s)?	>
	a Hot difficult at all	D,	A little difficult	۵,	Somewhat difficult	٥	Very difficult	۵.	I am unable to walk or move my legs
13	How difficult is it for you in your leg(s) or feet?	or yo	ur caregiver	to pu	t on your pants or	your	shoes due	to stif	fness or tightnes
	Not difficult at all	_		_	Somewhat difficult	_		_	Extremely difficult







