Dermal fillers; are they fulfilling?

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Abstract

Dermal fillers have rapidly become of one the most common procedures performed worldwide. Although treatment success and satisfaction is high, dermal fillers are associated with severe complications. There is no regulating body for the prescription of dermal fillers. These can be provided by anyone without official medical training required to manage any complications. Patients are not currently screened for any signs of underlying mental disturbance of body dysmorphophobic tendency. This case discusses complications of dermal fillers provided to a patient who previously suffered from anorexia. This case reports a 35 year old patient who presented to OMFS with a left sided facial swelling. The patient suffered with facial cellulitis with no dental cause. The patient previously reported a facial swelling in the right side of her face a year ago. A CT and MRI were requested which reported a focal peripherally enhancing collections of fluid seen lateral to the left mandible. She explained that although she has had complications with fillers previously, she has been getting them continuously due to her lack of confidence. She previously suffered with anorexia and has been concerned about the fullness of her face. This case reports highlights the importance of regulations and training required to prescribe dermal fillers. A clinician must be qualified to manage complications of fillers; both physical and mental.

Biography

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