

COMPARISONS OF VOLUMIZERS

There are 2 main kinds: HAs (Hyaluronic Acids, which act like a sponge) vs. BioStimulatory Agents (which stimulate the body to produce collagen(s))

Type	Volumizer	Onset of Results	Peak of Results	Duration of Results	Nodules	Number of Treatments	Number of Syringes or Vials	Cost Per Syringe (2023)
Hyaluronic Acid	Lyft or Voluma or Versa (Hyaluronic Acid) - Acts like a sponge; no collagen produced; when repeated in same area, can contribute to increased skin laxity	Immediate	1-2 Weeks	8-12 Months	Lumps reversible with hyaluronidase	1 time every 8-12 months	One vial per decade of life, +/- one vial	Lyft/Versa: \$925/syr. 1.0 ml/syr. 2.0 Voluma: \$1150/syr. 1.0ml/syr.
BioStimulatory Agent	Sculptra (poly-lactic acid, a liquid suture) - produces 2 kinds of collagen	2-3 Months	8-12 Months	> 7 Years	Preventable with frequent massages for 5 days after each injection session	3 sessions over 4-6 months, then a single session every 2-3 years beginning at end of the 4th year	One vial per decade of life, +/- one vial	\$1025/vial Or 2 vials for \$1950 per session
BioStimulatory Agent	Radiesse (calcium hydroxylapatite) - produces 2 kinds of collagen	Immediate	3-4 Weeks	18-24 Months	Lumps in 4-5%, reversible with sodium thiosulfate	1 time every 18-24 months	Avg. 2-3 for cheeks, 1-2 for temples, 2 for jaws	\$1025/syr. Or >1 syr. For \$975/syr. per Session 1.5 ml/syr.
BioStimulatory Agent	BellaFill (PMMA) - produces 2 kinds of collagen - MUST have a skin patch test at least 14d. before the 1st injection	1-2 Months	6-8 Months	Permanent	Lumps rare (2 of every 100,000 cases)...but there is a known treatment	Most want more every 5-6 year, to tweak age-related changes. (You can turn back the hands of time, but you cannot stop them.)	Avg. 3-4 for cheeks, 1-2 for temples, 23 for jaw angles, 12 for nasolabial folds/marionette lines	\$1200/syr. Or >1 syr. for \$1100/syr. per Session 0.8 ml/syr.

RULE OF THUMB: Use 1 syringe/vial of filler for every decade of life +/- 1 syringe.