



The decision whether to have FUE or FUT hair transplantation is a very personal one (see our forum for details): each patient is unique and deserves individual consideration and treatment. He or she must have the utmost confidence in his or her doctor, not only as a surgeon, but also as an artist. Each patient will be counting on him to give them the best possible result.

Dr. William Woessner establishes a personal relationship with each patient. He personally conducts every consultation and performs each hair transplant procedure with meticulous care. Every patient is given the undistracted time and attention required to understand the procedure and to produce the desired result. He takes great pride in his ability to listen and communicate with patients in order to meet their needs and expectations. In every case his personal goal is to exceed the patient's expectations whenever possible.

The driving force behind Dr. Woessner and his entire staff is consideration for his patient's feeling, needs and desires. Before any surgery is ever scheduled, Dr. Woessner makes certain he and his patient feel secure that they have communicated and reached an agreement on what is desired by the patient as compared with what can realistically be accomplished by the hair transplant procedure. In this pursuit, consultations are never hurried. Every question and comment by the patient is answered and explained until both parties are comfortable with the process and subsequent decision.

**Dr. Woessner is a member of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery, The American Society of Cosmetic Dermatology and Aesthetic Surgery and is board certified by the American Board Hair Restoration Surgery and also by the American Board of Family Practice. He is a native of New Orleans and has maintained an active practice in this area since 1973.**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How long does micro-surgery take?**

A: Each procedure requires approximately 4-8 hours depending on the number of grafts needed.

**Q: Will my surgery be noticeable?**

A: Mild scabbing in the grafted area will be present for 7-10 days. Careful following of post-operative instructions can minimize this. Hats or visors are worn home from the procedure and are safe to continue to wear.

**Q: Is my procedure guaranteed?**

A: As long as you follow your physician's instructions, your graft growth should exceed 95%. Any grafts that do not grow will be replaced without charge provided there is adequate donor hair available. Photos are taken of the grafted area to document the location of the grafts.

**Q: Is the procedure painful?**

A: Prior to surgery, oral medication is provided to ameliorate pain. At the time of surgery, topical cream and local anesthetics are applied. Vibrators are used to distract pain sensors. Post operatively the patient is provided with oral medications for home use. Patients report the pain is more than adequately controlled. In the FUE procedure, there is minimal post operative pain.

**Q: Is the procedure safe?**

A: Yes. There is no danger from intravenous or general anesthesia. Only oral sedation and local anesthesia are used. Since the scalp alone is involved in the surgery, complications are rare and unusually easily dealt with.

**Q: How much "Down Time" is involved?**

A: The surgery usually takes several hours to perform. Depending on the rigorousness of your activities, most people return to light activity within 48-72 hours. In FUT patients, they are encouraged to maintain a light schedule, i.e. no heavy straining, for 7 to 10 days. In the FUE procedure you can be at full activity after one week.

**Q: How does a hair transplant work?**

A: Hair follicles are meticulously placed at appropriate depth, direction and angle to produce a normal appearance. Grafts containing 1-2 hairs each are selectively "feathered" into small surgical slits placed in the first one centimeter of the hairline. This is really an undulating zone, which is the way hair grows naturally. Grafts of 3-4 hairs each can then be placed gradually behind this zone, to add density into the interior scalp. The size of grafts will be variably chosen depending on individual hair color, density, texture and curl. Some patients choose to use only grafts of 1-2 hairs for the entire procedure. This is a personal decision. Both standard FUT strip surgeries & FUE surgeries are handled in this manner.

**Q: Is transplanted hair more delicate?**

A: No. After your new hair grows out there is nothing delicate or fragile about it. It can be permed, colored or straightened. It is your hair! You can engage in vigorous activities without fear of washing or blowing your new hair away.

**Q: Can hair be transplanted into areas other than the scalp?**

A: Yes. our clinic can put hair on men and women into eyebrows and on men into mustaches and beards. The transplanted hair blends in well with existing hair and is permanent as the hair in the donor area. Even beard hair extractions can be performed to move beard hair into areas of need.

**Q: Can hair be transplanted into scars on the scalp to camouflage or hide the scar?**

A: Yes. Scar tissue will allow hair transplantation. This is often necessary after face lifts & eyebrow lift surgery. We specialize in repairs of old FUT strip scarring as well as old plugs.