



WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR PROCEDURE

Depending on the procedure, there are differences in the in the healing aspects of the donor. The recipient area of both procedures heal exactly the same. In an FUT/strip procedure the donor will have dissolvable sutures. You will not need to come back for suture removal. The sutures will dissolve over several weeks. You may be sore for a couple of days after the procedure and you should use your pain medication as needed. The scabbing from the suture line should be minimal with daily shampooing. Lastly, there may be lingering "numbness" on parts of the scalp for a few weeks after the surgery.

The donor in FUE procedure heals quickly. There are usually no reports of pain after the first couple of days. On the night of the procedure there will be oozing from the extraction sites. This is normal. We will have given you a couple of pads to place on your pillow to collect the blood. This pad also helps to shrink the extraction sites. The scabbing will be minimal with daily shampooing and within a few days there should be less evidence of the extractions.

The recipient areas in both FUT and FUE heal in the same manner. Basically, the grafts are held in place with a protein glue made naturally by your cells. They grafts are vulnerable for the first 3 to 5 days and caution should be observed. Try not to bump or scratch you scalp during this time period. As time goes on, they become less vulnerable to trauma. Shampooing needs to be performed once per day and this will reduce the scabbing. Please see post Op care. After one or two weeks of shampooing, there will not be any scabs present.

After a transplant the hairs may begin to grow until the 4th and 5th week. At this point the hairs will begin to shed. Eventually the newly transplanted hairs will all shed out. The recipient will look like it did prior to the procedure.

The grafts that have shed go dormant for a three months. They will show up as small buds or look similar to a short beard growth. Gradually the hair will grow. Around the 6 month, the hairs are around 80% full growth and they should be long enough to cut. There will be an additional 20% more growth up until a full year. A year is on average the time it takes to know how your result will turn out.

After the 12 month period there are still more changes to follow from your transplant. For an additional 6 months the coarseness, the caliber and the color of your hair will change. Transplanted hairs begin to grow somewhat thinner at first but they become thicker for the 6 month period after the year of growth. The color will also become more rich over time.