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## How does hair transplantation work?

Hair transplantation is really about relocating (transplanting) the bald resistant hair follicles from the back of the head to the balding areas on the top of the head. This process works for a lifetime because the hair follicles taken from the back of the head are genetically resistant to baldness, regardless of where they are relocated to.

## Will my hair transplant results look completely natural?

Hair transplantation, when done right, can be so natural that even your hair stylist will not know that you've had it done. But the skill and techniques of hair transplant surgeons does vary widely, as do their results. It's important to choose the right procedure and clinic to assure that you will get completely natural results.

## How long does a hair transplant procedure take?

A typical session of between 1,500 to 3,000 grafts normally involves a full day of surgery on an outpatient basis. Most patients will arrive in the morning and will have their procedure completed by late afternoon.

## Does the hair transplant procedure hurt?

Patients are given local anesthesia in the donor and recipient areas. Most patients find that once the anesthesia is given that they feel no pain or discomfort during the surgery. Following surgery patients will typically feel some amount of soreness and numbness, with some mild discomfort. Most patients are pleasantly surprised by how minimal the discomfort from the surgical procedure is.

### **What are the recovery/healing time?**

With today's very refined micro hair transplantation procedure the incisions are very small and less invasive than past procedures. This results in more rapid healing. Most patients feel fine within a day or two following surgery, although some numbness and mild soreness can be expected for several days following surgery.

### **Will people know I had a hair transplant?**

Immediately following surgery a patient's recipient area is typically pink with scabs forming around the micro incisions. These hundreds of tiny incisions will heal rapidly within a week to ten days.

During the first few days after the surgery a person's hair transplants will be noticeable if there is no previous hair to mask these temporary scabs. However, most patients feel comfortable being in public without wearing a hat within 5 to 7 days following surgery. Once the transplanted hair grows out the results should look entirely natural, even under close examination.

### **When will my newly transplanted hair start to grow?**

Normally it takes between three to five months following surgery before the transplanted hair follicles begin to grow new hair. The transplanted hair grows in very thin initially and gradually grows thicker and fuller over time. After one year a patient's transplanted hair will be fully mature and will continue to grow for a life time.

### **Are the results permanent?**

Since the hair follicles that are transplanted to the balding areas are genetically resistant to going bald, they will continue to grow for a life time – just as if they had been left in the bald resistant donor area.

## **Do I have to take any medicine for life after hair transplant surgery?**

No, it is not necessary to take any medication after hair transplantation because the implanted hair is permanent. However, if your existing hair is still falling, then the doctor may suggest ways to treat hair loss such as Minoxidil, Rogaine, Propecia or low laser therapy to help preserve its existing hair.

## **Why it is necessary to choose the right clinic and surgeon.**

For the best result, the surgeon must be expert and especially experienced. Our surgeon has experience of over 1400 documented surgeries. His past patient result pictures are available on clinic website.

Whereas, some so called well-known brands who have chain of clinics, generally have doctors or surgeons who are salaried and are temporary with lesser experience; It is a matter of fact that the doctor or surgeon who has a good experience can easily run his own clinic and earn more from the salaries he earns in these centers. These so called big brand clinics use their name to attract people, but in reality, their work is not as good as the clinics which are owned by experienced doctors or surgeons which they run themselves. One should take care of the thing that doctor he chooses must be qualified, board certified & must have minimum 800-1000 cases experience.

## **In which season one should do hair transplant?**

You can do hair transplants in any season. Although you should keep in mind that you should not expose the implanted region directly to the sun for long periods, it can have adverse effects. For this reason, it is advisable that you wear the cap and screen the sun whenever you go out in the sun for a long time.