

AFTER HAIR TRANSPLANTATION INSTRUCTIONS

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TONIGHT AND THE NEXT 2 DAYS: Sleep sitting up at a 30 to 45 degree angle tonight and the next 2 nights. DO NOT SHAMPOO HAIR FOR 24 HOURS AFTER SURGERY.

CARE AND CLEANING OF GRAFTS AND EXTRACTIONS SITES:

1st through 4th days after surgery

1. Spray Liposomal ATP onto grafts hourly while awake for the first four days. The first two days try to spray 2 - 4 times during the night. Keep spray refrigerated.
2. Gently shampoo head in gentle shower or water poured from a pitcher. Use shampoo mixed with water in a covered container. Shake and pour over your head or dip the sponge and apply. Use the sponge in an up and down motion, gently blotting grafts. **DO NOT RUB** with back and forth motion. You may rub lightly on the extraction sites. Rinse gently with clear water from a container or gentle shower.
3. Blot hair gently with towel and let air dry or use hair dryer ON COOL SETTING. Brush hair lightly. Avoid touching scalp.
4. **DO NOT** bend over from the waist, play contact sports, hang upside down, lift weights or do any exercise that causes you to perspire profusely. Walking is OK.
5. Sleep sitting up at a 30 degree angle the first three nights.

5th, 6th and 7th days after surgery

1. Resume shampooing in a full strength shower. Let water flow on head for about 10 minutes to soften scabs. Apply shampoo and use FINGERTIPS (or SPONGE) in gentle circular motion on BOTH grafts and extraction sites.
2. Resume normal exercise routine, except reduce weight level by 25% and **NO** contact sports.
3. On day 7 you may begin to use cosmetics such as DermMatch (800-826-2824) or Toppik (800-360-3046).

8th through 14th day after surgery

Grafts are set in place. You should now help any remaining crusts to fall off the grafts. ATP Spray reduces crust formation.

1. Apply baby oil overnight and in the shower use the brush side of the sponge to gently loosen the crusts.
2. **DO NOT PICK OR FORCE OFF CRUSTS.** They will generally be gone in 7 - 10 days.
3. You may apply a thin coat of baby oil or moisturizer to the graft area at bedtime. This can help soften crusts before morning bath.
4. Hypoallergenic skin tone cosmetic can be used to hide pinkness and 1 to 2% hydrocortisone, Vitamin E or aloe, creams/lotions to help resolve it.
5. You should resume Rogaine seven days after your procedure, if you have used it before.

FOLLOW-UP

Your first follow-up visit is the day after surgery. The second follow-up is 10 - 14 days after surgery. The doctor will want to see you every four months in the year following your procedure.

ACTIVITY

Avoid any activity that may result in hitting your head, such as contact sports, piggy back rides for kids, etc. Be careful getting in and out of cars.

- **WEIGHT LIFTING:** After first 5 days, weight lifting can be resumed. Cut back 25% and work up to normal weights.
- **EXERCISE:** Jogging, running, golfing, tennis, etc. is OK AFTER 7 DAYS.
- **SWIMMING:** In pool after 10 days or ocean/lake after 14 days.
- **AVOID SUNBURN:** Use hat or sun block outdoors for 30 days.

NORMAL EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCEDURE

- **SWELLING:** Swelling is no longer common following procedures. All you need to do is sleep elevated for three nights. Ice packs are unnecessary.
- **PINKNESS OR REDNESS:** Fair skin types may have persistent pinkness of transplanted skin for several weeks following transplant. This is temporary. Use of the Liposomal ATP spray may reduce this. You also may temporarily apply a foundation or concealer cosmetic that matches your skin tone. All of these are available without prescription at your local pharmacy.
- **ITCHING:** Benadryl 25 mg by mouth at bedtime will relieve itching, which may occur after a few days. Available over the counter at most pharmacies.
- **NUMBNESS OR TINGLING** is temporary and will disappear in a few months. It is the result of cutting small nerve endings during the course of the surgery.
- **THE FIRST NEW HAIRS APPEAR IN 6-9 MONTHS.** Hair in the grafts will disappear 2 - 3 weeks after the procedure. The follicle, which is responsible for growth, remains. You must be patient as it will take several months for the hair to start growing again and reach styling length. After several procedures, grafts will take longer to start growing.

UNUSUAL COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCEDURE

- **BLEEDING:** Apply direct pressure with fingertip for 5 minutes to stop. If bleeding continues, apply the same pressure again and call the office.
- **RAISED OR RED AREA:** If pimple-like appearance occurs 3 - 5 days after surgery, call the office for a follow-up appointment. Apply antibiotic ointment to the area and keep clean.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 650-327-3232 ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT WITH ANY QUESTIONS