

Questions to Ask Your Hair Surgeon

The shock and embarrassment of losing your hair can have a detrimental effect on your self-confidence. When you finally get up the courage to visit a hair loss surgeon, you shouldn't be afraid to ask questions during your consultation.

There's a good chance the surgeon has heard every question regarding hair loss and hair transplants. We have compiled several frequently asked questions that you might be a bit too embarrassed to ask your surgeon.

"I don't deal with pain well, will this hurt?"

Topical treatments such as Finasteride and Minoxidil are safe to use on your scalp. If you follow the directions of your surgeon, you should be ok. All drugs have the potential to harm you if you don't use them correctly. For example, if your scalp is damaged, irritated, or sunburned, you should not use Rogaine until it heals up.

When it comes to hair transplants, only a local anesthetic will be required during the procedure. Overall pain levels should be very minimal. Some patients might experience minor discomfort and swelling in the hours and days following the procedure.

The pain will usually subside in one to three days. In short, hair restoration – whether topical solution used on the scalp or hair transplant surgery – is relatively painless.

"I'm wary of robots – will the doctor be present while the ARTAS robot is working?"

The ARTAS robot is a miracle of modern science. It allows for much more natural and precise hair transplants, as the arm of the robot will not get tired after a few hours of work. The surgeon is in complete and total control of the ARTAS robot at all times.

“How much is a hair transplant going to cost?”

You will need to sit down with the surgeon and undergo an evaluation before she can give you an estimated cost.

It will also depend on how many grafts you would like performed. The more hair you want, the longer the procedure will take, and the more it will cost. Most insurances will not cover the cost of a hair transplant. You will most likely be paying out of pocket.

There might be additional costs for recovery as well. The surgeon may prescribe pain medications or antibiotics to reduce the risk of infection. Or you might need to purchase over-the-counter anti-inflammatory pain meds to reduce swelling in the surgical area.

“I can’t afford a hair transplant right now. Am I doomed to go bald?”

Several options are available to you if you can’t afford a hair transplant. You will first need to have a consultation with the surgeon, and she may recommend one or more of the following which cost less than a hair transplant:

- Topical drugs such as Finasteride and Minoxidil
- PRP therapy
- Low-level laser light therapy

“Can I get a beard, eyebrow, or mustache transplant?”

Yes, you can. One of our qualified specialists can help you regain lost eyebrows due to age, over-plucking, trauma, or other reasons. The same technique can be used to help recreate mustaches and beards.

“Will people be able to tell I have had a hair transplant?”

Hair plugs didn't look very natural in the early days of transplants. Technology has evolved, and procedures such as the ARTAS robot and FUE technique offer subtle and predictable results that look very life-like.

A good portion of the success of a hair transplant depends upon the operating surgeon. The [redacted] Hair Transplant Center pioneered hair transplants, and Dr. [redacted] can help you regain both your hair and your confidence.

“What options does a balding man in his early 20's have?”

Hair transplants are usually not advised for men under 30 for two reasons. First, the surgeon cannot tell if the donor area will be stable over time and men losing their hair in their early 20's will likely see extensive hair loss.

There are alternative options such as topical treatments like Rogaine and Minoxidil. It's best to schedule a consultation with a hair loss surgeon so they can evaluate the extent of your hair loss and make recommendations.

“I'm a female and am going bald. Are there any options available for me?”

Hair loss for women is often much more embarrassing than it is for men. Women tend to change their hairstyle to hide patches of thinning hair. Fortunately, there are several treatment options available.

The FDA has approved Rogaine (Minoxidil) for treatment of female-pattern hair loss. Results usually take 3-4 months, and you must continue to use the product daily. If you stop, the hair loss will start again and speed up to the point where it will look as if you never took Rogaine in the first place.

Hair transplants via the ARTAS robot are also an option for women. If you are a female and are experiencing hair loss, give Dr. [redacted] a call. She will sit down with you and evaluate the extent of hair loss and make her recommendation.

Hair Loss Treatment in Los Angeles

If you have any questions not answered in this FAQ or would like to learn more about the hair loss treatment options available, give us a call at (310) 555-1212. At [redacted] Hair Transplant Center, we are the pioneers in hair transplants. Schedule a consultation today to see how we can help you overcome your hair loss and regain the confidence you once had!