



Before and After Eyelash Transplantation
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EYELASH TRANSPLANTATION

INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

Eyelash transplantation can be used to replace eyelashes that have been damaged by trauma, or to cosmetically enhance existing eyelashes that are otherwise short and/or sparse. The use of the single-follicle hair transplantation techniques enables new, living and growing eyelashes to be comfortably and permanently restored to the eyelid.

PROCEDURE:

Using comfortable, computerized local anesthesia (The Wand®), the procedure is completed in less than two hours in the office/out-patient setting. Hair follicles from the back of the scalp ('donor area') are harvested and then implanted into the eyelid. Absorbable stitches are used to seal the donor area, which remains undetectable both during and after the healing process. Usually 12 to 30, or more, lashes can be placed per upper eyelid during a session. The implanted follicles (like the seeds of a plant) will grow and produce hair permanently starting as early as six weeks. The newly growing lashes will possess the same characteristics as scalp hair. The lashes will need to be routinely trimmed and curled. An 'eyelash perm' is recommended for those patients with straighter hair. Please note: lower lid eyelash transplantation is not performed.

Medication for any mild discomfort is provided as well as medication to reduce swelling. It is recommended that the patient have transportation to and from the office. Several hours after the procedure, some soreness may be experienced in the donor area, as well as the eyelid. Patients are instructed in the gentle post-op care and cleansing of the eyelid and lashes. Mild swelling and/or bruising in the eyelid area may last up to two weeks. The absorbable stitches may take up to one month to dissolve completely. It is recommended that eye makeup (including mascara) be avoided or kept to an absolute minimum during the immediate post-op healing period (1 week). Some patients may require an additional session of eyelash transplantation to reach their restoration goal.

RESULTS:

Implanted lashes typically shed within two weeks, then begin to regrow starting at six weeks. More than 80% of the transplanted lashes can be expected to grow. A full, cosmetic result can be expected by 12 months.

Eyelash transplantation, trichotillomania (hair-pulling) and trauma:

Eyelash transplantation can be used to restore eyelashes damaged by trauma, 'over-plucking,' or even the hair pulling disease, trichotillomania. However, patients with untreated trichotillomania cannot undergo eyelash transplantation. If the trichotillomania remains untreated or recurs, hair pulling can damage the transplanted lashes.

Eyelash transplantation and alopecia totalis/universalis, eyelid conditions:

Patients with alopecia totalis, alopecia universalis or active eyelid inflammation or disease are **not** candidates for eyelash transplantation.

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