



Frequently Asked Questions About FUE

What is an "FUE" hair transplant?

"F.U.E." or "Follicular-Unit Extraction" is an advanced, "**minimally-invasive**" hair transplant method which allows for the harvesting of individual follicles from the back of the head (donor area) without a scalpel or stitches, and therefore leaves no linear scar.

What are the main benefits of FUE over the traditional "Strip Method" or linear harvesting?

It is well-accepted that FUE transplants can heal faster and more comfortably than linear-harvest techniques which the physician uses a scalpel and removes a strip of scalp requiring stitches. With the minimally invasive technique FUE, the patient can return to work in a couple of days and once healing is complete, the patient has the option of wearing a very short haircut without the worry of a tell-tale linear scar. Without the need for stitches, downtime is shorter with fewer activity restrictions post-operatively.

Who is a good candidate for FUE?

Patients who would like the option of wearing a very short haircut in the back or sides of their scalp, or those who want the least amount of activity restriction (e.g. athletes) after their hair transplant procedure, may be good candidates for FUE. FUE can also be used for 'scar camouflage' procedures for patients who have had prior "Strip" procedures, as well as for body hair transplants.

What are the major cost differences between FUE and linear-harvest hair transplant procedures?

The fee structure for FUE hair transplant procedures reflect the more detailed and intricate nature of those procedures compared to those performed with a linear harvest strip method but in most cases is very similar in pricing.

Are the final transplanted 'results' any different with FUE than those achieved with linear harvesting?

Results are similar. FUE procedures, by default, yield grafts that contain mainly one, two, three, or four follicles called "follicular units." Strips or linear harvests, are removed from the back of the scalp and are then microscopically dissected by a team into grafts of one, two or three follicles, would also yield similar 'follicular-unit' grafts. Provided that in each case the grafts are implanted with care, artistry and precision into the recipient area, the final transplanted results with FUE would be similar, if not identical, to those accomplished with a linear harvest. The difference is not in the area of hair growth, but how the donor area is harvested either by a strip of scalp or by small individual graft extractions. Using the FUE Technique, leaves no linear scar.

Is FUE suitable for both men and women?

Yes. Because FUE is a minimally-invasive procedure, it is a viable option for both men and women looking to restore their own living and growing hair with transplantation.

Do I have to get a total 'buzz cut' to have an FUE procedure?

No, if your hair is long enough, harvesting using the FUE can be done by shaving small areas which can be covered by your other, existing hair. Patients with large procedures do at times elect to shave the whole head

Am I a good candidate for a procedure using FUE

The best way to determine whether you are a candidate for hair transplant using FUE is a one-on-one consultation with your doctor.