

HAIR LOSS

Q. What is alopecia?

A. Alopecia is the abnormal loss of scalp and body hair. The cause is a mystery, and there is no known cure. Alopecia strikes at random, at any age, and affects more than two million Americans.

Q. Does chemotherapy and/or radiation always cause hair loss?

A. No, depends on the drugs given, the number of treatments, and the type of treatment.

Q. How do I care for my scalp?

A. A specially formulated shampoo which stimulates the scalp is recommended. Massaging your scalp, especially as you shampoo, also helps stimulate hair growth.

Q. Are there alternatives to a full wig?

A. Yes, there are turbans, wraps, hats, caps and scarves. Bangs and capless hair extensions can be used with turbans and hats to give the look of a full head of hair.

Q. Does my scalp need to “breathe?”

A. Yes, your scalp is very sensitive. Wear a wig with a breathable mesh cap and avoid tight turbans.