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## *In the News...Hair Growth Gene Identified*

Scientists recently reported on a gene which contributes to hair growth. While the gene has been identified for some time as important in hair loss, this study has shown that the Lhx2 gene appears to be necessary to actually grow hair. The next step will be to determine triggers for gene activation to help people who suffer from baldness. For more information <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/04/100415085317.htm>

## *For Your Information...Hair Transplant Sites*

While scalp **hair loss** is probably the most common area of concern for patients, hair can be lost from any place on the body. Natural aging, disease processes, or trauma can cause hair loss on the face, body, eyebrows, and eyelashes. For some patients, this can cause a level of concern but fortunately there are options for rejuvenation. The same techniques used to transplant hair in the scalp can be used for facial hair transplants, eyebrow transplants, and body hair transplants. Any hair from any part of the body can be transplanted to any other part of the body. Patients must remember that transplanted hair will maintain the characteristics that it had before transplant. This means that the hair will grow according to the same cycle, obtain the same color, and have the same texture. This can be problematic for transplant between certain areas. Patients should be aware that hair on different parts of the body have different growth cycles. This means that eyebrow hair does not grow as long as scalp hair. If scalp hair is transplanted to the eyebrows, the transplant hair will have to be trimmed. Alternately, if body hair is transplanted to the scalp, it will not grow as long as natural scalp hair so the natural hair will have to be trimmed shorter.

### **Eyebrow Transplants**

Donor hair for eyebrow transplants usually comes from the scalp. A large density of hair is required for eyebrow transplant procedure to make them look natural and 2,000 or more grafts for both eyebrows is not unreasonable in some situations. Placement is key and requires a regularly irregular pattern to obtain natural appearing results. After eyebrow transplants, the hair will have to be shaved or a ponytail can result.

### **Eyelash Transplants**

**Eyelash** transplants are a much more difficult procedure to obtain quality and lasting results. The long term results from eyelash transplants do not show a favorable survival rate. With the introduction of Latisse™ to the market, it is suggested that patients only pursue eyelash transplants after exhausting all other treatments. The donor site again is the scalp and individual hairs are threading through the lash margin. Eyelash transplants from the scalp require grooming or excess growth can occur.

### **Facial Hair Transplants**

Mustache and beard replacement is possible with **facial hair transplants**. Donor site is again the scalp and either FUE or strip donor excision can be undertaken. The pattern of placement for facial hair transplants must be regularly irregularly. Large numbers of grafts can sometimes be needed for facial hair transplants owing to the large surface area to be transplanted.

### **Body Hair Transplants**

**Chest** hair or **pubic** hair can be replaced with hair restoration procedures. Again, scalp hair is the usual donor site and

grooming is necessary to produce natural appearing results.

## *Alpha Hair Supplements*

Looking for a good multi-vitamin and herbal supplement to use as part of a complete hair loss treatment, consider alpha hair. <http://alphahairsupplements.com>.

## *Catch Dr. Verret in the media...*

Check out Dr. Verret's recent media interviews at <http://drverret.com/media.html>. If you are in the San Antonio area, watch Dr. Verret on the local Fox morning show this Thursday, May 6, 2010 where he will talk about hair loss treatments.

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