

In the News...

Researchers have found a gene which is responsible for making hair grow. The gene, Lhx2, results in increased hair growth and is critical for induction of the anagen phase of hair growth. Researchers can now focus on medications which promote expression of the gene to treat various causes of hair loss. For more information, check out <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/04/100415085317.htm>.

For Your Information...Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP)

There is a recent buzz in the hair loss realm on the internet about platelet rich plasma. Unfortunately this buzz is not replicated in the medical literature. Current FDA approval for platelet rich plasma is for wound care and healing after certain orthopedic surgery. The technology involves taking a person's blood, placing it in a centrifuge to separate out the platelets, plasma, and red blood cells, then taking the platelet rich plasma and mixing it with a company's proprietary mix of drugs to create a gel. There have been several very limited studies and case reports of physicians using platelet rich plasma applications in patients with hair loss with promising results. Unfortunately, the studies have not been performed in a scientific double blinded placebo controlled fashion. The study sizes have also been rather small. The studies also suggest that the process has to be repeated again over time to obtain optimal results. As such, it is rather early to tell if the technology is promising but it appears to hold some promise. For those patients who are looking for absolutely everything to do for their alopecia, PRP is an option for treatment which appears to be safe and holds promise.

Looking for a Hair Loss Vitamin...

Consider Alpha Hair if you are looking for a vitamin for people with hair loss. Packed with essential vitamins and minerals as well as additional herbs associated with helping hair to grow, alpha hair is a good alternative for patients who are looking for a vitamin to help hair. Check out <http://www.alphahairsupplements.com/>.

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