

New Techniques Have Made Hair Transplantation Affordable – and Virtually Undetectable

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Are you self-conscious when out in public? When having your picture taken? Has someone made a comment about your hair loss? Well you don't have to put up with it any longer! When properly performed, hair transplantation has become both virtually undetectable - and affordable. No more are the days of the doll hair, hair plugs, or corn rows.

If you have been considering hair transplantation, the best surgeons can provide you with a virtually undetectable hair transplant while minimizing both the cost and the number of hair transplant procedures required to reach your goal. Be careful to select a hair transplant surgeon that will be comfortable

utilizing all of the hair transplant techniques available today. Those surgeons that utilize Linear Multi Follicular Unit (MFU), Follicular Unit (FU), and Follicular Unit Extraction (FUE) can provide you with the highest quality hair transplantation. It is best to find a hair transplant surgeon that will provide you with all options at one facility.

Many hair transplant patients opt for FU transplantation in the frontal hairline, giving it a natural feathered look, and the MFU transplantation behind the hairline to maximize the appearance of density. Below is a chart for easy comparison of the different procedures.

| FUE METHOD | FU STRIP METHOD | MFU STRIP METHOD |
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| A good method to produce transplanted hair density. | A better method for producing transplanted hair density. | The best method to produce transplanted hair density. |
| The scarring is less noticeable once healed, and the hair can be worn shorter but no shorter than #2 clippers. There is no lineal scar. However, with a shaved scalp, the scar will look more unusual than the linear scar. | Linear scar. Hair needs to be worn longer in the sides and back to conceal the scar compared to FUE. No shorter than a #3 clippers in the back and sides. | Same as FU Strip Method. Unfortunately very few hair transplant surgeons have been trained to perform this procedure. |
| No suture is required. | Sutures or staples are required for the donor area only. | Same as FU Strip Method. Unfortunately very few hair transplant surgeons have been trained to perform this procedure. |
| Optimal if only a small number of grafts are required. | Optimal if a large number of grafts are required. | Optimal if large number of grafts are required and much density is desired and donor tissue preservation is required. Best for density. |
| More transected hair than both FU & MFU Strip Methods. Most transected hair NEVER grows. | Less transected hair compared to FUE method | Least transected hair of all methods. This means more hair growth and better density. |
| FUE is LEAST favorable for those who desire a hair transplantation of the hairline, top, and crown because preservation of donor tissue for future hair transplants is imperative. | FU Strip is GOOD for those who desire a hair transplantation of the hairline, top, and crown because preservation of donor tissue for future hair transplants is imperative. | MFU Strip is BEST for those who desire a hair transplantation of the hairline, top, and crown because preservation of donor tissue for future hair transplants is imperative. |
| Patients with very curly hair are usually NOT good candidates for FUE. | Can accommodate any hair type. | Same as FU StripMethod. Unfortunately not many hair transplant surgeons have been trained to perform this procedure. |
| Overall, FUE is about twice the cost of FU or MFU. Costs more per procedure and more procedures are usually required. | Overall, about 1/2 the cost of FUE. | Same as FU StripMethod. Unfortunately not many hair transplant surgeons have been trained to perform this procedure. |
| Unfortunately, hair transplant technicians are commonly performing this procedure without direct supervision of a trained hair transplant physician. This is in direct violation of the tenets of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgeons. | | |

Performing hair transplants in Wake County since 1997, Dr. Arthur Zacco has mastered all hair transplant techniques and is the only physician in Wake County performing all three techniques. Dr. Zacco frequently utilizes the FU method to create a hairline that is virtually undetectable,

combined with the MFU method to create the greatest density behind the hairline. During your FREE consultation Dr. Zacco will meet with you to outline an individualized hair restoration plan for you in the spirit of education and without pressure.