Hair Loss Consult Information Sheet

In order to decrease the time until you have some answers regarding your hair loss:

Please know what products are used on your hair currently. If you have bottles at home, bring them to the visit. If your hairdresser uses products on you, ask for details re: brand names and actual product names/types, and bring this information with you on the day of your visit.

Please remove all hair pieces/ weaves/ ponytails before the visit. The entire scalp should be visible for the visit.

Please remove any gel or spritz that causes the hair to be stuck down to the scalp or unmovable.

If you have had biopsies or cultures done at other offices please bring copies of the reports with you to the visit. If not, we will request the results for you, but this process may take a few weeks and will delay your recommendations.

Photos of the scalp will be taken, and blood tests may be suggested, depending on Dr. Edwards' evaluation.

If necessary, a biopsy of your scalp MAY be done on the day of the consultation. Biopsy means to remove a piece of skin about the size and shape of a pencil eraser from an area of the scalp where hair is thin. It is used to evaluate the status of the hair root. You are awake for this procedure which takes about 5-10 minutes. The skin in the area is numbed with an injection. Two stitches are placed to close the area and are removed in 7-10 days. Usually, the biopsy result is available at the time of stitch removal.

Please prepare your hair as detailed below:

Biopsy can only be done if the hair is freshly washed and conditioned at the time of the consult. Shampoo your hair the night before or the morning of the visit. Air dry or blow the hair dry, but do NOT use any oil/grease on the hair, do NOT straighten or otherwise style the hair. The hair can be styled AFTER the biopsy by you or your hairdresser, taking care not to disturb the stitches. If the hair is not properly prepared, biopsy will be rescheduled for a time that is convenient.

Thank you,

Dr. Bobbi