

The Dermatology wig service

Your dermatology doctor has prescribed a wig suitable for your needs. This is because you have recently been referred for or have been diagnosed as having significant hair loss due to a long-term dermatological condition which cannot be covered up easily. This leaflet aims to provide you with all the information you need regarding the prescribing of your wig. Please feel free to ask the clinic nurse if you have any questions.

Your wig prescription

- Your hospital dermatology doctor will give you a wig prescription letter of authorisation.
- You will be prescribed a stock size modacrylic fibre wig (without monofilament nylon tops).
- You will only be prescribed human hair wigs if you have a biopsy proven allergy to a modacrylic wig.
- You will be expected to pay the current standard Appliance Prescription charge unless you fulfil specific exemption criteria and demonstrate this at the time of the appointment. If you fulfil the exemption criteria but cannot prove exemption at your dermatology appointment you can reclaim the prescription charge using NHS exemption form HC5(W).

Changes to your wig prescription

- Unfortunately, you will not be able to pay to change your wig prescription.
- If you would like to have more than one wig you will be able to purchase more yourself from the local NHS wig suppliers.
- It is not possible to 'upgrade' your wig prescription from acrylic to real hair.

Who will pay for my wigs to be cleaned and repaired if needed?

The hospital dermatology department will not pay for any repairs or cleaning needed for the wig prescribed. Seek advice from your GP if you need your wig cleaned or repaired.

How can I get more wig prescriptions?

If you need a replacement wig then you will need to make an appointment to see your GP.

Recognised wig suppliers – you can find more suppliers by using internet search engines or yellow pages)

Raoul Hairdressers
34 Craven Road
Paddington
London W2 3QA
Tel: 0207 723 7173

Hair World Ltd
Algores Way
Wisbech
Cambridgeshire PE13 2TQ
Tel: 01945 466616

Contact information

Dermatology
Level 2 Centre Block
Craven Road
Reading RG1 5AN
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Further information

For further information on hair loss and wigs contact Alopecia UK,
[www.alopeciaonline.org.uk](http://www alopeciaonline.org.uk)

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