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SMP Scalp Micropigmentation Disclosure and Before & After Procedure Protocol

What is scalp micropigmentation? Scalp micropigmentation, commonly called SMP, is a nonsurgical treatment that uses microneedles (sometimes called nano needles) to embed dots of pigment into the scalp, to mimic the appearance of real hair follicles.

The process is similar to a tattoo. The technician will review your scalp's hair situation, consult with you regarding your desired outcome and set up a game plan for your procedure. While micropigmentation isn't technically considered a tattoo — tattoo ink goes much deeper into the skin and is injected with a thicker needle — services like SMP and other permanent makeup do carry similar risks.

SMP works by depositing pigment into the scalp to create the appearance of hair follicles. This can help to disguise bald or thinning areas, camouflage scars and correct discoloration. The benefits of SMP include a more youthful appearance, improved self-esteem and increased confidence.

Some people may experience scalp micropigmentation regrets after treatment. This is usually because the results were not what they expected, or the pigments used did not match their natural hair color. If you are unhappy with your SMP results, it is possible to have them corrected, but this will likely involve additional costs. That is why pigment marketing pros are focused on the technician achieving their maximum performance.

Cosmetic inks and pigments are not FDA approved, The FDA doesn't require inks for tattoos to be approved before use in human skin because it considers them a cosmetic,

SIDE EFFECTS

- Itchy scalp Just like a regular tattoo
- Swollen Lymph Nodes also like a regular tattoo
- Scalp infection or scabbing - Scabbing is typical for 5 to 7 days but it can become infected.
- Redness
- Dots too large
- Rapid fading

Scalp micropigmentation is mostly safe for those without allergies and rare disorders. A patch test is recommended.

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CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Pregnancy or breast-feeding in the first few months
- Heart disorders
- Autoimmune diseases
- Type I diabetic
- Skin cancer
- Epilepsy
- Allergies
- Keloid and hypertrophic scarring
- Taking blood thinning medication
- Taking photo-sensitizing drugs

BEFORE SMP PROCEDURE PROTOCOL

- Please avoid the consumption of alcohol, caffeine, fish oil, and blood-thinning medications (ie. aspirin) 24 hrs before any semi-permanent makeup or MTS services. If you are unsure of any products you have been using or consuming it is the responsibility of the client to bring these to the technician's attention prior to starting services.
- Do not drink coffee, tea, alcohol, or energy drinks on the day of treatment.
- Do not use retinol/retinoids, Botox, topical acne medications, and strong AHA/BHA 48-72 hrs prior to the procedure.
- Wash the respective areas before treatment, for best results you will not be able to have direct contact with water 7 days after treatment.

SMP AFTERCARE PROTOCOL

- You can wear a hat just not too tight.

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- Do not pick the scabs or scratch them.
- Colors may appear darker immediately following the procedure. Pigments usually scab after 3-5 days. Allow the scab to flake off naturally. DO NOT pick, rub, or cleanse the area with soap or cleanser for 7 days. As the healing progresses, colors will soften to its true color.
- We recommend showering with low-pressure water after the first 7 days. After 7 days, you can use a gentle soap or non-greasy cleaner to keep your treated areas clean.
- To ensure the hair stroke to look as real as possible, no direct contact with water for the first 7 days. Water, sweat, and oil on hair stroke lines can blur/ thicken the appearance of the lines.
- No heavy workouts for 10 days. Avoid sweating.
- It is normal for colors to fade up to 20-40%. Touch-ups are recommended after 4-6 weeks and no longer than 8 weeks.
- Apply aftercare ointment sparingly to treated areas twice a day for the first 2-3 days following the procedure.
- Avoid Petroleum Jelly or Vaseline during your healing period. Anything with a petroleum base can cause a reaction, crusting, scabbing, and sweating so the skin is not able to breathe.
- If itching occurs, Bactine is recommended as it will disinfect the area. Bactine contains lidocaine and benzalkonium chloride.
- Do not soak the treated area in a hot tub or swimming pool for 10 days post-treatment.
- No sunbathing, tanning, tanning locations, chemical peels, mesotherapy, dermabrasion, Botox or any other intense treatments for 4 weeks post-treatment.
- **WARNING:** Chlorine, exfoliation creams, and exposure to the sun will cause colors to fade.
- Failure to follow post-procedure instructions may cause loss of pigment, discoloration, or infection.