

## What is RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> Hair Restoration?

RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> is a revolutionary automated hair transplant and restoration program that combines the Follicular Unit Extraction (FUE) technique, the latest hair transplant technology to date, with an automated retrieval system for fast, consistent results. The FUE technique is less invasive than the traditional STRIP method and requires no cutting of the scalp. Because there is no cutting, there is no suturing, no visible scarring, very little bleeding and almost immediate recovery time. Plus the automated retrieval system makes it possible to treat many individuals who aren't good candidates for manual FUE.

## What is an FUE Hair Transplant?

Follicular Unit Extraction is the newest transplant procedure available today and does not involve any incisions like the STRIP method. The FUE method involves the removal of individual hair follicles from the scalp, in their naturally occurring groupings of about 1-4 hairs. The follicles are then transplanted into the balding area. It is the least-invasive hair restoration procedure available, with the fewest complications and the most natural-looking results.

## How does the RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> procedure work?

RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> combines the FUE method with automated controlled pneumatic pressure (suction) to slide out the follicle smoothly. Unlike manual FUE, this protocol eliminates the damage caused by the pulling and twisting associated with the use of tweezers during manual extraction. Doing so allows us to treat more people, including those individuals who would not be good candidates for manual FUE based on certain physical conditions such as deeply embedded follicles, thicker or tougher skin. Not only are the follicles extracted by the RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> method of an excellent quality, but the enhanced speed of the transplant allows them to be re-implanted sooner, keeping them more robust and increasing the success of the grafting process. Additionally, the increased speed of the procedure allows more grafts to be performed in one sitting, allowing people to have treatment in only one visit when older methods may have required two or three staged visits.

Unlike other hair-restoration methods that result in elongated scarring and reduced healing time, RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> involves less complications from surgery (mostly limited to invisible scarring).

## What is STRIP Excision (FUT)?

STRIP excision, or FUT, is the traditional transplant procedure in which a strip of skin is removed from the donor site at the back of the patient's head. The incision is stitched together, creating a linear scar. The scar may enlarge over time to overcome the tension of the skin created by cutting a strip and suturing the scalp together. The strip of skin is dissected into follicle units of 1-4 hairs. The procedure involves stitches, which are removed in about two weeks.

## How do I know which method is right for me?

As discussed above, the RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> FUE technique involves the removal of individual hair follicle only. There is no dissection of skin or stitches. The small wound made when the follicle is extracted contracts as it heals, resulting in tiny scars not visible to the naked eye. Additionally, patients with a small donor area may often use body hair for an FUE transplant. With the STRIP procedure, there is an incision and a linear scar. With RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup>, more people qualify for the FUE method, which is less invasive, and has less possible complications. Your Reveal<sup>SM</sup> physician will evaluate your level of hairloss, discuss your goals, and help you determine if RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> is the right procedure for you.

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## Is RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> safe?

From a surgical standpoint, a hair transplant is very safe because it is a relatively minor surgical procedure. RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> is performed under local anaesthesia so that you are awake during the procedure.

## Is RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> painful?

Because RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> is performed using local anaesthesia, you may experience minimal discomfort as the local anaesthetic is injected into the scalp. Once the skin is properly anaesthetized, the procedure is painless. After surgery, it is normal to feel some minor discomfort during the healing process.

## When can I return to work?

It is often possible to go back to work within the next day or two after the RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup> procedure.

## When will the newly transplanted hair begin to grow?

On average, the transplanted hair follicles begin to grow new hair approximately 3 to 5 months following surgery.

## How many grafts will I need?

The amount of grafts you will need ultimately depends on your degree of hair loss and the density of your donor hair.

## How many sessions will be required?

It depends on how many grafts are to be transplanted. With RapidGraft<sup>SM</sup>, more than double the grafts can be transplanted compared to a manual FUE. Depending on your unique needs and goals, the number of sessions will be discussed during the consultation with your surgeon.

## Will it really look natural?

Yes, the only people who know will be those you tell.

