

Hair Line Feathering, A New Role For Body Hair Transplantation

Thus far, state-of-the-art hairline design using strip HT and scalp FUE has entailed the use of single hair follicles derived from the safe zones. The relatively thick caliber of this donor hair can often contrast with the naturally thinner hair that populates the hairline especially in a Norwood (NW) 1-2+ patient. This problem though not immediately apparent to the unpracticed eye, can be a give away to a discerning observer. A NW 2 hairline with a wall of thicker single hair follicles can sometimes impart a somewhat unnatural look that can be made worse by a higher scalp to hair color contrast.

Some measures used to address this issue in strip HT and scalp FUE includes selecting hair from the temporal scalp area (in strip HT), or the peri-auricular areas (near the ears)/ nape of the neck (in Scalp FUE). Hair from the nape of the neck and the peri-auricular areas being outside the “safe zones” may present a problem in the event of MPB progression while safe zone temporal hair may not be fine enough.

The advent of BHT has presented us with another option. An increasing number of patients are beginning to request the use of cherry picked finer and like textured body hair to feather out what was hitherto considered a good HT derived hairline. In other words, we seek to use a perceived disadvantage of some body hair (namely thin caliber) to our advantage.

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