

PRP for Hair Restoration

Platelet-rich plasma for the scalp is one of the newest treatments in hair thinning and hereditary hair loss. It is safe, non-surgical and non-invasive, and can potentially provide great results for the client. PRP can easily be done on a lunch break, as it takes up to 90 minutes from beginning to end.

What is PRP?

Platelet-rich plasma is derived from the client's own blood, which contains stem cells that are essential for growth factors. PRP has long been in use in skin and wound healing with positive outcomes, and is now being used for cosmetic purposes as well. Basically, the procedure consists of two steps: drawing the blood and using a special centrifuge to separate its most valuable components from the rest, and reinjecting it back into the numbed scalp to stimulate follicles to produce stronger, healthier hair.

How does it work?

After the client's blood is processed using special equipment, the scalp is numbed, making the procedure entirely pain-free. An electronic microneedling tool is then used to make tiny injections of PRP at the follicular level. The PRP helps then allows the follicles to produce stronger hair.

Am I a good candidate for PRP treatments for hair loss?

It depends on your history, the extent of hair loss and much more. That is why we suggest you do a free consultation with Dr. Max first. Generally, those who still have intact follicles or patients with small areas affected by alopecia areata are the best candidates. Because PRP works on existing follicles, clients who already have large areas of hair loss may need more involved treatments such as FUE, FUT or the ARTAS robotic machine hair transplantation. However, PRP is a great addition to those treatments.

When can I expect to see results?

As with all treatments, results take time. PRP generally takes six to 12 months. Many patients with hereditary hair loss repeat treatments on an annual basis for best results.

What are the side effects of PRP?

There are none. The procedure is done in the office and takes about 60-90 minutes. It is non-surgical and non-invasive. Most of the time, the client is just relaxing, waiting for the blood processing to be finished. There are no potential side effects as the treatment uses the client's own blood.

How long is the recovery period?

There is none. Immediately after treatment, the scalp may be tender, and in some patients, some swelling may occur in the forehead. That usually resolves within 48 hours.

Can PRP treatment be combined with other treatments?

Absolutely. In fact, we offer it free in addition to our transplantation procedures to ensure maximal results. PRP can also be combined with Extracellular Matrix products such as ACell. You can also continue to use Minoxidil or Propecia to enhance the results.