

SCALP TRICHO PIGMENTATION (STP) OVERVIEW

Scalp Tricho Pigmentation (STP) also is a medical tattoo process that recreates an appearance of naturally growing hair for people who are balding or have thinning hair. It is similar in principle to SMP (Scalp Micro pigmentation) but there are very critical difference in the technique that were developed in order to address the specific properties of scalp hair. The goal is to exactly replicate the appearance of shaved hair follicles or stubble of hair. It can be used to create a shaved look, thicken thinning hair, or camouflage scars.

The impressions are extremely discrete and are comparable in diameter to a single hair or follicular unit. It is a similar methodology to a regular tattoo or permanent cosmetics procedure, but, the pigment is not laid as deeply into the skin, and the machine and pigments themselves are far more sophisticated.

There are currently 3 main ways that SMP can be used:

1. To create a **shaved look** that mimics the look of shaved or closely cropped head of hair with the appearance of stubble.
2. To **camouflage scars** from either Strip or FUE surgery
3. To **“thicken” or increase the illusion of density** in areas of thinning hair by decreasing the color contrast between scalp and hair. This is similar to the effect of cosmetic concealers like Dermatch and Toppix but with the advantage not having to be applied daily. This can be particularly useful in women. It can also be useful. It can also be very beneficial for patients who have undergone previous surgeries, but who are still looking thinner than they would.

SHAVED LOOK CREATED WITH SMP

Example 1 Shaved Look



Example 2 Shaved Look



Example 3 Shaved Look



DONOR SCAR CAMOUFLAGED WITH SMP

Example 1 Camouflage Linear Scar

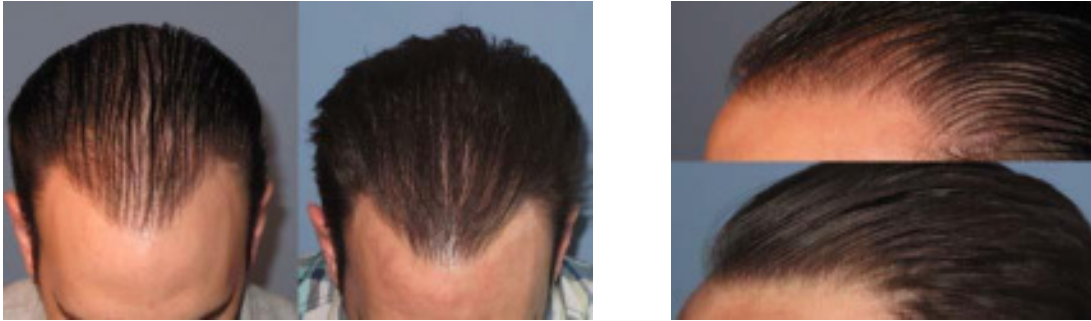


Example 2 Camouflage FUE Moth Eaten Scar

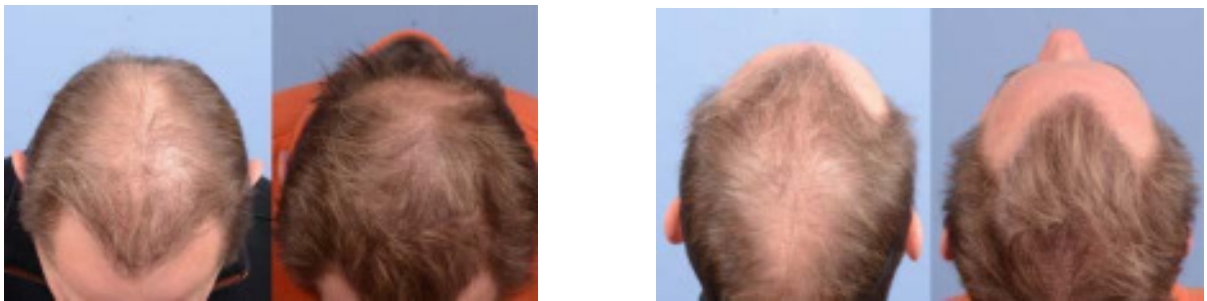


FILL IN OR THICKENING WITH SMP

Example 1 Fill-In Or Thickening



Example 2 Fill-In Or Thickening



It is important to know that there are limitations to this technique. Not everyone is a candidate for these procedures and there are specific qualifications that need to be satisfied before the procedure is attempted. In addition there are some potential complications that