

Patient information factsheet

About your wig prescription

If you are diagnosed with a dermatological condition that causes significant hair loss, the Southampton dermatology centre team will give you a prescription for a wig.

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Your prescription will provide you with two wigs that should last you for one year.

The wigs will be standard stock size and made of acrylic. You will be prescribed a 'real hair' wig only if you have a proven allergy to acrylic.

Extra wigs

If you would like to, you can purchase additional wigs from your local NHS wig supplier.

It won't be possible however to pay to change your wig prescription or upgrade your prescription from acrylic to real hair.

Care and maintenance

You will be responsible for the care and maintenance of any wigs prescribed and will be asked to pay for the cost of any cleaning or repairs.

Local NHS wig suppliers

Your prescription will either be given to you in the Southampton dermatology centre or sent to you in the post and you will be given a list of local NHS wig suppliers.

You can then choose which local NHS supplier you wish to use and contact them to arrange fitting and supply.

Replacement wigs

Wig prescriptions can only be supplied by a doctor at the Southampton dermatology centre, so if you need a replacement wig in the future you should make an appointment to see your GP. They will then send a prescription request to the dermatology centre for you.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like any more information, telephone the dermatology nurses on: **023 8082 5011** or speak to the dermatology wig administrator on: **023 8082 5043**.

Useful links

www alopeciaonline.org.uk

www.nhs.uk/conditions/Hair-loss/Pages/Introduction.aspx

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