

Patient information factsheet

About your wig prescription

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

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Only a doctor from the Southampton Dermatology Centre can give you a wig prescription. Your prescription will provide you with two wigs that should last you for one year.

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

Wig upgrades

The minimum price for NHS acrylic wigs will be covered. If you would like a more expensive wig then you may pay the difference directly to your local NHS wig supplier.

Extra wigs

If you would like more than two wigs you will be able to purchase more yourself from your local NHS wig supplier.

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

A prescription will either be given to you in the Southampton Dermatology Centre or sent to you in the post. You will be given a list of local NHS wig suppliers. Once you have received your prescription, you can choose which local NHS supplier you wish to use and then contact them to arrange fitting and supply.

Replacement wigs

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 Southampton Dermatology Centre.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact us using the details below.

Dermatology department
Telephone: **023 8120 2871**

Dermatology wig administrator
Telephone: **023 8120 2873**

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Email: uhs.dermatologyrsh@uhs.net

Useful links

For more information about hair loss and wigs, visit:

www alopecia.org.uk

www.nhs.uk/conditions/hair-loss

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