

Patient information factsheet

About your wig prescription

We have given you this factsheet because the Southampton dermatology centre has given you a prescription for a wig. It explains your wig prescription and how to care for your wig. We hope it will help to answer some of the questions you may have. If you have any further questions or concerns, contact us using the details at the end of this factsheet.

About your prescription

Only a doctor from the Southampton dermatology centre can give you a wig prescription. Your prescription will be for two wigs that should last you for one year.

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

Wig upgrades

We will cover the minimum price for NHS acrylic wigs. If you would like a more expensive wig, 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 cover the cost of any cleaning or repairs.

Local NHS wig suppliers

We will give you your wig prescription along with a list of local NHS wig suppliers in the Southampton dermatology centre or send it to you in the post. 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.

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Contact us

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

Dermatology department

Telephone: **023 8120 2871** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, Thursday 8am to 2pm)

Dermatology wig administrator

Telephone: **023 8120 2873** (Wednesday to Friday, 8am to 2pm)

Email: dermppc@uhs.nhs.uk

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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