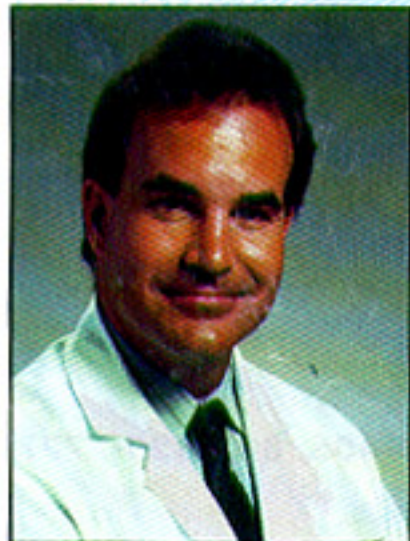


## Treatment for Hair Loss Produces Natural Looking Results

**F**or some men, hair loss begins as early as their teen years. During the next years, a receding hairline or thinning crown can undermine self-esteem and cause a prematurely aged look. In the past, choices were limited. Hair loss treatments created a very artificial look which was sometimes more embarrassing and discouraging than the original problem.

The current decade has brought hope for sufferers of male pattern baldness, as well as patients who have lost hair due to burns or other injuries. "A realistic, natural looking hairline can now be constructed with state-of-the-art surgical

techniques currently available," says **Thomas Funcik, M.D.** of Coastal Facial Plastic Surgery. "Hair is taken from the fringe donor areas and transplanted to the bald and thinning recipient areas. With proper technique, this hair will grow vigorously and often lasts a lifetime."



In counselling patients for this and other facial plastic surgical procedures, Dr. Funcik stresses realistic expectations. "Lasting results which can be maintained for a lifetime are best attained by creating an appropriately mature hairline. Patients must also understand that transplanted hair initially falls out and goes into a resting phase for three to four months. Therefore, beginning transplants before one is completely bald is an excellent idea. This way, existing hair can be combed over newly transplanted hair."

Various mini and micro grafts, and even single hair insertions are used to assure maximum aesthetic results for the patient. The majority of patients need about three procedures, each performed on an outpatient basis. Some, however, require more procedures. This issue is addressed in an initial consultation.

Dr. Funcik, a board certified surgeon with extensive fellowship training, provides the full spectrum of cosmetic and reconstructive facial plastic surgical procedures. He assists in teaching physicians in training and has authored numerous scientific publications.

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