

Hair Loss in Men.

Things you should know ...



Hair loss is a typical male condition and is a big issue for many, but one that is rarely talked about.

Symptoms of hair loss vary widely and may include:

- Temple hair loss
- Less hair growing back and the hair generally becoming thinner
- Decreasing hair volume
- Receding hairline
- Bald patches on the back of the head

Reasons for hair loss

Half of men over the age of 20 expect to suffer hair loss. Losing up to 100 hairs a day is no reason to panic but quite normal. Only when this amount is significantly exceeded over a longer period, do doctors speak of pathological hair loss.

1 – Hereditary hair loss

The most common cause is **hereditary** hair loss. About 80 % of men who lose their hair prematurely suffer from this form. This type is also known as **male-pattern hair loss**.

Testosterone is **converted** into dihydrotestosterone (DHT) by the **enzyme** 5-alpha reductase. Many hair follicles react **sensitively** to DHT and atrophy. The hairs in question become **shorter** and **thinner** until they **disappear** completely.

The **first signs** are often seen in the **mid-20s** with hair loss at the temples. As time goes by, this may eventually result in full **baldness**.



2 – Stress-related hair loss

Stress can **trigger** hair loss and its impact should not be underestimated.

Besides excessive **exercise**, lack of **sleep** and other **physical** stress factors, **psychological** problems can also be reasons for hair loss.

The **longer** the stress lasts, the **more** the hair suffers. The hair needs a sufficient supply of **energy** for healthy growth. If the body uses energy elsewhere in stressful situations, there is not enough left to nourish the hair.



Spot baldness is a form of hair loss. This is believed to be **triggered** by an **autoim-mune disease**.

Spot baldness therefore occurs relatively rarely and is characterised by the typical round bald patches on the head and also on other parts of the body. Often the bald patches disappear after a while, but can reappear later.

4 – Diffuse hair loss

This is characterised by the fact that the hair becomes altogether lighter.

The reasons for diffuse hair loss can vary and range from an **unhealthy lifestyle** to an **illness**, from **medication** to **stress**.

The hair roots **do not receive** the necessary **nutrients** they need for growth and the hair falls out.



