

Follicular unit extraction method of hair transplantation: Technique, advantages and limitations

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Modern life generates need for minimally invasive procedures. In the area of surgical hair restoration, it is the follicular unit extraction method, increasingly popular with the patients. During this session, follicular units are extracted directly from the back and/or side of the scalp (donor area), and are subsequently implanted to the bald or thinning area of the scalp (recipient area). The most common indication is androgenetic alopecia, but this method is also highly useful for reconstruction of scar tissue on the scalp and man chest regions, eyebrows or beard areas.

We will show our experiences during the 5-year practice, where we applied the follicular unit extraction method to several hundred patients. We'll describe choice of suitable candidates, preoperative preparation, the technique itself, as well as post operative care and progress monitoring. Also, limitations and advantages of this technique will be discussed.

The method itself is quite comfortable, minimally invasive, and the result is completely natural look of the newly transplanted hair.

Biography

Marija Balkovic, M.D., graduated from the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine, Serbia, after which she continued education at The Military Medical Academy in Belgrade and specialized in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. She participated at numerous international conventions, as an invited speaker from the area of hair transplantation. She is a member of associations - SRBPRAS, BAPRAS, and IPRAS.

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