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FUE donor site ischemia & necrosis

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The Follicular Unit Extraction (FUE) method of hair transplantation is becoming more popular because of the patient preferences and it has advantages of rapid recovery, comfortable post-operative period and chance of much more graft transplantation than strip method in some cases. Complications in this method are rare and donor site complications are very rare in the literature. I want to present and discuss one of these rare donor site complications that I have encountered: A 39 year old male patient with donor site ischemia and necrosis which progressed and increased during the graft extraction period and then healed with a scarring alopecia area. Heavy smoking, thin subcutaneous tissue, prolonged pressure on donor region and perhaps increased blood viscosity together and/or solely may reduce tissue blood circulation and that may lead to tissue ischemia and necrosis in FUE harvesting.

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Decision making in breast augmentation

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In planning breast augmentation surgery, there are many things to be considered. The breast should be assessed regarding the volume, ptosis, symmetry and breast area. The implant volume, incision and level of placement should be discussed in advance. The preoperative sizing allows the patient to participate in size selection. The decision for mastopexy with augmentation should be done before surgery. In augmentation and mastopexy, the operation has two opposing goals, so there are certain measures that should be taken into consideration to choose which technique to use. I have used circum-areolar, circum-vertical and in some cases inverted T incision to achieve my goal.

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