

Lasers for Hair Growth?

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New Research

Dermatologists have begun using a laser brush to restore hair growth to people losing their hair... An estimated 60 million Americans suffer through various stages of hair-loss. Many people turn to gels, lotions, pills and even surgery to correct the problem, but there may be a new help on the hair loss horizon. Dermatologists have begun using a laser brush to restore hair growth to people losing their hair...

The brush uses a low level cold beam to stimulate hair follicles and increase blood flow. Patient Michael Caplan turned to the laser brush after he noticed that more of his hair was in the bathroom sink instead of on his head. "I started losing my hair when was 40 and then Dr. Steinberg suggested that I try the comb," Caplan said. "What have I got to lose?"

Dr. Janee Steinburg began using the brush on her patients and said that it can be used to augment other methods. "I'm not fully endorsing this as a way to grow a whole new head of hair," Steinburg said. "I would find it difficult to believe that something would be almost too good to be true, but I think as an adjunct to other treatment modalities and perhaps even to just hold on to what you have, it may be a great way to go."

Lexington International, the company that makes the laser comb, said that people who use the comb for five minutes, twice a week should see results in three months or less. Company spokesman David Michaels said that similar low level lasers have been used in Europe for years. "This type of laser has been used around the world for approximately 30 years especially in Europe, Japan and Australia; to date there has been no reported side effects," Michaels said. Dr. Alan Bauman said that he is unsure if the comb will work. "I am skeptical," Bauman said. "I'm a scientist and I just don't adopt things and insert them into my practice unless I feel confident that they're going to work."

The company claims that the The Food and Drug Administration has approved the brush for cosmetic use. (Not to be confused with approval for hair growth)

David Michaels of Lexington International HairMax tells us that they are planning to work with the FDA on conducting medical trials in the future.

The brush runs \$645. It should be noted that this is nearly \$300 off its original price.

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