

HAIR TRANSPLANT FORUM

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Hair Transplantation Evolves Internationally

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The South American Saga

My specialty is plastic surgery. Since my early training, I have been deeply involved in hair transplanting, and even now it is my favorite surgery and study theme. In my practice, male aesthetic surgery has become just as common as aesthetic surgery on females, but 60 percent of it is still hair transplants.

Formerly I was assistant in plastic surgery at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Now I am in private

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The U.S. A Comparison

One of the original goals of the FORUM was to learn more about how hair transplant surgery started and evolved in other countries. It is also interesting to discover the background of the various doctors doing the surgery. This issue is devoted to that goal.

Doctors from France, Brazil, Australia, Mexico and Canada have written to discuss hair transplanting

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DR. RUSSELL KNUDSEN

The Australian Account

Hair transplantation began in Australia in 1967. The first operation was performed by Dr. Richard Shiell at the request of a patient who had read of the procedure in *Reader's Digest!*

At that time, Dr. Shiell was a family practitioner in Victoria—a pattern that largely holds true today. Almost all the hair transplant surgeons in Australia come from family practice backgrounds, and most perform at least 200 procedures each year.

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DR. ARTURO SANDOVAL CAMARENA

Memoirs From Mexico

Mexico is a Federal Republic with 31 states, 1.9 million square kilometers and a population of 84 million. Medical faculties in Mexico have high academic standards and have graduated outstanding and world-renowned medical doctors in such specialized fields as otoneurology, cardiology and plastic surgery.

Curiously enough, our history with

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DR. PIERRE POUTEAUX

The French Connection

The history of hair transplantation in France is somewhat difficult to relate, because French doctors are highly individualistic. No one knows exactly who does what.

The first hair transplantations were done almost simultaneously by Patrick Rabineau and J. Arouette, both of whom were dermatologists. Never having watched a hair transplantation before, Rabineau made a prudent trial, in which he transplanted four grafts in one

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DR. DAVID SEAGER

The Canadian Chronicle

Hair transplanting in Canada was pioneered by Walter Unger in the late 60's. Walter is still the busiest and most widely respected hair transplant surgeon in Canada today, although there are many others doing it now.

In the last few years we have had a flood of new hair transplant doctors and clinics opening in

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