Toronto

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I spent a week in Toronto to evaluate the city for our next meeting and, also, to observe in the offices of Martin and Walter Unger and David Seager. I discovered the city of Toronto to be unexpectedly beautiful and interesting. I enjoyed the warm and gracious hospitality of my three hosts and had a great time.

I think I can best describe Toronto as a “little New York”. It has all the nicer qualities of New York on a smaller scale and none, as far as I could see, of the adverse qualities. They have the third largest theater in the world, behind New York and London. They have numerous museums, sightseeing tours, big league baseball, wonderful shopping, and great places to eat. Everything is in a small space and easily accessible. They have large Chinese, Greek and Italian populations that gives it a very cosmopolitan atmosphere. The dining was excellent with Italian, Chinese, and all the international cuisines. People are helpful and

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Trouble in Paradise
Problems with Minigrafts

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New hair transplant surgeons seem to share the common belief that all the problems encountered with traditional transplants have been solved by the process of minigrafting.

As a surgeon with 26 years experience with hair and more than a decade with minigrafts, I would like to point out that this optimism is somewhat premature. There are plenty of problems still unsolved and a multitude of traps await players old and new. Patients still complain about their operation although the nature and frequency of complaint may have changed for the better. I would like, in this brief article, to examine some of the reasons patients complain about their minigraft operation and see if we can do anything to minimize this problem.

“The Transplant Is Not Thick Enough”.

Many patients express disappointment with the lack of density achieved after 3-4 sessions of minigrafts.

**Treatment:** Add as many grafts as possible as quickly as possible.

**Prevention:** The patient must be adequately counselled preoperatively so that his expectations are realistic. The newer techniques, which involve greater density of grafting will help alleviate this complaint, but unrealistic expectations will always create a problem.

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