

Male Pattern Baldness is Progressive

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Male pattern baldness is progressive throughout life. Failure to recognize this has caused many of the problems in hair transplant surgery today. This issue will illustrate those problems.

In looking at these photos, I wonder why it has taken us so long to recognize the problems and why we have been so slow to address them. I think the main reason is that we are just now seeing patients we did 20 to 25 years ago and are only now realizing the full impact of it.

I think this is one of the most important issues of the *forum* because it warns us of the dangers of starting surgery on young men and also shows us how to avoid trouble with different designs. I want to thank all the contributors, they did a great job.

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“What if our assumptions and predictions were just simply ... wrong?”

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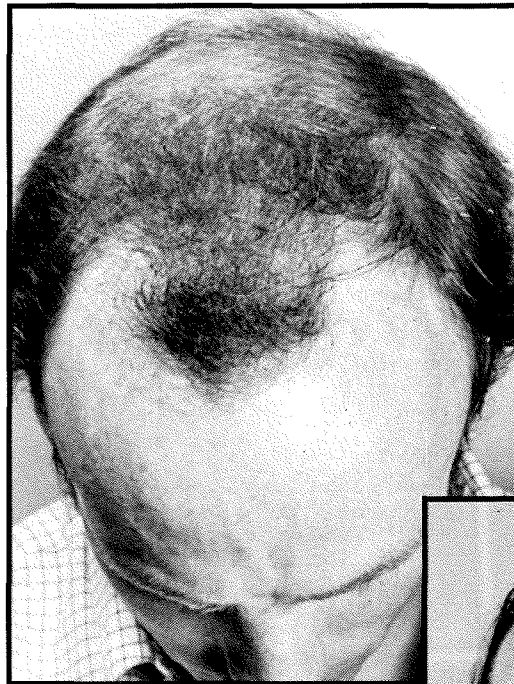


Figure 1. Eighteen years old.

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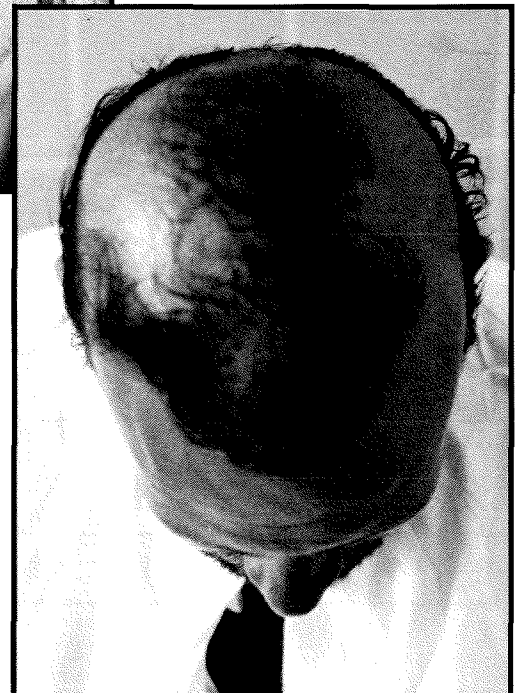


Figure 2. Twenty years later.

Photos contributed anonymously.