

## Medical Hair Loss Remedies

### Medical Hair Loss Products that Have Been Clinically Proven Effective

Below you will find a tabulated summary of the most common medical hair loss products which have been clinically tested for safety and effectiveness. The tabulation makes it easier for an individual to make a direct comparison of different hair loss products currently available on the market.

What is critical to note is that the effectiveness generally for any hair loss medication is inversely proportional to the degree of hair loss. The majority of medical hair loss products currently available either over the counter or by prescription seem to be mostly effective for mild degrees of hair loss.

	<b>Finasteride</b>	<b>Dutasteride</b>	<b>Minoxidil</b>	<b>Tricomin</b>
<b>Trade Name</b>	Propecia Proscar	Avodart	Rogaine	
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Merck	GlaxoSmithKline	Developed by Upjohn	
<b>History</b>	Initially developed to treat prostrate enlargement.	Indicated for the treatment of symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) in men with an enlarged prostate to improve urinary symptoms	Initially used to treat hypertension.	Copper Peptides play a special role in stimulating the hair follicle in the hair growth process.
<b>Results</b>	83% noted a cessation of hair loss and 64% noticed an actual re-growth of hair within 2 years. First drug approved by the FDA for the treatment of hair loss.	Reduces scalp DHT by up to 54% as compared to 38% with Propecia / Proscar. <b>Not</b> currently approved by the FDA for the treatment of hair loss.		Variable depending on the degree of hair loss
<b>Action</b>	Inhibits the formation of DHT by blocking 5-Alpha Reductase (enzyme which converts testosterone to DHT) thereby extending the Anagen phase of the hair growth cycle to allow more time for hair to mature and strengthen. Results continue only while taking the medication. Upon cessation the hair loss will return.	Action is similar to Finasteride	-Vasodilation to improve nutritional delivery to the follicle. -Enlargement of the degenerated follicle (caused by androgens) -Promotes cell division around the follicle thereby promoting hair growth	Copper also naturally helps inhibit the enzyme, 5-alpha reductase (responsible for turning testosterone into DHT, the metabolite that causes male and female pattern balding otherwise known as androgenetic alopecia).
<b>Side Effects</b>	Temporary loss of libido which generally lessens over duration with use.	Similar side effect to Finasteride	Scalp irritation, hypotension, dry mouth	None known
<b>Dosage</b>	1 mg. tablets taken	.5 mg tablets taken	2% and 5%	Spray on and

	orally daily	orally daily	dosage applied topically	shampoo
<b>Men/ Women</b>	Men only	Men only	Men and Women	Men and Women
<b>Duration for Results</b>	6 – 12 months	6 – 12 months	6 months	Variable but can be used in conjunction with other DHT inhibitors for opportune results
<b>Monthly Cost</b>	\$30 - \$55	\$120	\$20	\$20 - \$60 depending on preparation
<b>More Info</b>	<a href="http://www.rx-mex.com/medications">http://www.rx-mex.com/medications</a>	<a href="http://www.avodart.com/">http://www.avodart.com/</a> <a href="http://www.hair2go.com/hairloss">http://www.hair2go.com/hairloss</a>	<a href="http://store.yahoo.com/rogaineshop">http://store.yahoo.com/rogaineshop</a>	<a href="http://www.folica.com">http://www.folica.com</a>