

AVULSION

Avulsion is the medical term used to describe hair that has been ripped from the scalp suddenly and aggressively. The most common causes are from industrial incidents or even DIY where the hair becomes trapped in moving machinery. It may also occur during fights or assaults when one person may be dragged by their hair.

Due to the assault on the scalp the area concerned will look inflamed and will be very sore and tender to the touch. In the majority of cases the hair will grow back without any issues. However, if the scalp has open cuts or tears, then the hair follicles may be distorted or destroyed. This trauma to the skin may also lead to a secondary infection and it is very important, if this happens, that you consult with your Doctor as you may need some topical or /and oral medication.

In some severe cases of avulsion, a person may require surgery depending on the size of the injury and location on the head. Also, once the scalp is healed, if this leaves bare patches – either temporarily or permanently - products which may help to disguise this include concealers, such as fibres, coloured sprays, wax pencils or camouflage creams, or small hair pieces.

You may wish to be considered for cosmetic surgery, but this is a decision, which you should not consider lightly. You may consider a scalp reduction or a hair transplant, which must be discussed with your doctor and surgeon. If any corrective surgery is appropriate this may take a number of procedures and therefore is a time consuming process.

If you feel that you require help and support to discuss your options, then you can contact a registered Trichologist.

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