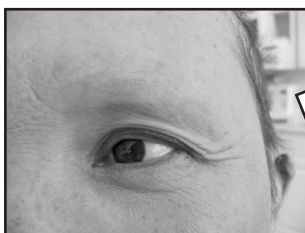


# The COSMETIC Concerns Of CANCER Patients



The loss of head and facial hair, including eyelashes and eyebrows, may occur as the result of illness and/or treatment. Chemotherapy and radiation therapy are life-saving but may leave patients staring at themselves in the mirror wondering where their hair went.

If this is your situation, you are not alone - permanent cosmetic professionals can help. There are options available to help restore your appearance.

Your hair will usually grow back when the illness has ended or the therapy is finished. A wig, head covering, and use of cosmetics may be the best option until hair returns. Sometimes, however, the brows and eyelashes don't grow back and the loss is permanent. There is a technique which many have found helpful for restoring the attractive appearance of eyebrows and eyelashes. It's called micropigmentation or permanent makeup.

Permanent make-up is also helpful for cancer patient who have lost the natural areola due to breast surgery.

## EYEBROW RESTORATION

The photographs above show a woman who lost her eyebrows during chemotherapy. After consultation and careful shaping of her brows, color was applied. About one month later, she came back for a "focus" visit which included slight color modification and placement of a few dots of color where needed. You can imagine how thrilled she was to find her permanent eyebrows including saving her so much time each day to "draw"

them in place. Her eyebrows were natural appearing and a rich chocolate color. You would never guess they were cosmetically tattooed.

If your medical treatment has resulted in the need for micropigmentation, consider the following:

- Take several good pictures of yourself before your hair loss. Bring these with you to your consultation.
- Bring your eyebrow pencil with you and have your brows drawn on like you normally do.
- A skilled micropigmentation professional will take good photos and work with you on the best brow design for your face. Remember, you're part of the team.
- Your skin will be numbed before the permanent make-up is applied.
- Expect to return in 4 weeks for a "focus visit" to fine-tune your look.
- Plan on yearly touchups.

## BREAST RECONSTRUCTION

Cosmetic tattooing to replace the areola (nipple) of the breast is the finishing touch on the road to healing for many cancer patients. This procedure makes it possible to look normal at last! Patients no longer have to be self-conscious about their missing breast tissue. Plan on 3-4 visits to "build your breast" with layers of color.

Learn more at Micropigmentation.org. Once on the website, go to "Consumer Update," then click "SAAVE

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Cancer Program" to find a micropigmentation professional in your area.

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## National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Somerset Art Association (SAA) in Bedminster, NJ is hosting three Breast Cancer Awareness events to call attention to the disease which strikes 182,460 women in the United States each year. "Image Early," a one-person gallery exhibit by Somerset County artist and breast cancer survivor Marion Behr will be on view in the center's Johnson Gallery from Oct. 4-31, 2009. The exhibit will open on Sunday, Oct. 4 with a public reception from 2 - 4 PM FREE of charge. On Thursday, Oct. 8 from 6 - 8 PM, SAA will present "Surviving Breast Cancer: Decades of Hope," a panel discussion comprised of medical professionals and women diagnosed with breast cancer during different stages of life. Songwriter and guitarist Bob Filoramo will conclude the evening with a song he wrote in tribute to a close friend and breast cancer survivor. The presentation is open to the public - suggested donation: \$10. Preregister, seating is limited. On Friday, Oct. 23, a benefit will be held at SAA from 7:30 - 10:30 PM to raise funds for the art center and for the Susan G. Komen For The Cure Foundation. Professional cabaret singer Susan Speidel will entertain guests, accompanied by Joseph P. Regan. Tickets are \$75 p.p. and include hors d'oeuvres, wine, champagne and desserts. Learn more at [www.somersetart.org](http://www.somersetart.org) or call 908-234-2345.



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