



Cancer Services

Women's Boutique

Wig Guide

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Cancer Services offers a wide variety of wigs and chemo caps. Thanks to the generosity from donors and local foundations, we are able to provide a wig and chemo cap to our clients.

Care & Tips for Your Synthetic Wig

Cancer Services will provide up to two wigs per We have a wide selection of beautiful, natural looking synthetic fiber wigs at our boutique. We have chosen to carry synthetic fiber wigs as they are easier to care for than human hair wigs when undergoing treatment and not feeling well. These wigs can maintain wave, curl, texture, and volume with minimal upkeep.

Care of your synthetic wig:

The most important thing to remember about synthetic wigs is **NO HEAT!**

- Please do not use curling irons, blow dryers, flat irons on wigs. We also suggest that you do not cook while wearing the wig due to high temperatures of removing food from oven and being near boiling water.

Washing frequency:

- For maximum life, it is recommended that you wash your wig after it has been worn 8-12 times.
- Synthetic styles should be washed at least once a month, but ideally more often if you wear the wig every day.
- Washing your wig more frequently will stress the fibers and decrease its life span.
- Washing it less frequently will allow sweat and oils to build up inside of the cap, which will break down the fibers and adversely affect longevity.

Cleaning your wig:

- Gently brush the wig thoroughly with a wig comb or brush to remove any tangles.
- Add one teaspoon of wig shampoo to a sink or basin filled with cold water.
- Swish the wig through the water and let it sit for 5-10 minutes.
- Do not rub. Run your fingers over the inside of the cap where it meets your forehead to remove oils and sweat. Be particularly gentle on any hand tied areas of the wig cap as this area is the most fragile.
- Rinse the shampoo out of the wig in cold clear water until thoroughly rinsed. Your wig can be rinsed in a basin of cold water or under cold running water.
- Spray with conditioning spray if purchased, and comb wig into place.
Only use shampoo, conditioner, and hair products made for wigs.

Drying your wig:

- Blot the wig gently with a towel. Do not squeeze or wring.
- Air dry your wig on a wig stand. Wig stands are ideal for drying because they allow air to circulate, reaching all surfaces of the wig. Air Drying may take up to 7-9 hours.
- Synthetic wigs sometimes just go back into shape or style with a shaking.
- Lightly work the hair with your fingertips, but wait until the wig is dry to style.
- Do not use a hair dryer and do not brush the wig while it is wet. If you do not have a wig stand, you may place your wig on a tall slender object (such as a can of hair spray) covered with a hand towel.
- Do not dry your wig on a Styrofoam head as this will stretch out the cap.
- Do not allow your wig to dry in direct sunlight.
- Use brushes and combs that are designed for wigs. Use your fingertips to style the wigs if you can.

Wearing your wig:

- Move your hair away from your face by pulling it back at the sides and the top. If your hair is long, use pins to put it up all around your head.
- Look into accessories like wig caps (liners) or wig headbands (wig huggers) to help the wig fit more comfortably. These items will help keep your hair down.
- The label in the wig should go in the back.
- Put the wig on by sliding from front to back. Make sure the wig is not too far forward on your face but is near your natural hairline.
- Use the tabs near the ears and at the front to adjust the location. Then use the tab or hook located near the label at the back of the wig to make it tighter or looser.

Wig storage:

- We will provide you with a plastic wig stand. It is best to place it on the wig stand when not wearing the wig. We do not recommend Styrofoam heads if your wig is wet or even damp. This can cause the wig cap to stretch and could cause mold or bacteria.

If interested in purchasing care products for your wig, websites and local stores listed below.

Sally Beauty

772 Crossings Road
Sandusky, OH 44870
419-609-1004
SallyBeauty.com

Sally Beauty

101 Plank Road Ste. 101F
Norwalk, OH 44857
419-663-0872

Paula Young Wigs and Products

PaulaYoung.com
1-800-364-9060

Amazon

Amazon.com

Please feel free to call us with any further questions!

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