

image renewed

with *Dan Biro, Master Stylist*

During one's lifetime, each of us will go through many life altering experiences. However, nothing may be as life altering and tragic as being diagnosed with cancer. Cancer can rob a person of their energy, appetite, strength, and hair. Hair loss doesn't need to take away one's self confidence. Cranial prosthetics is an option to help maintain your lifestyle.

Dan Biro, master stylist and hair replacement specialist at LaSpina's Renewed Image Salon in Mahopac, NY, addresses some of the common questions and concerns many clients have during this difficult time.

Q. What is the difference between a wig and a cranial prosthesis?

A. Wigs are generally "wefted", (shorter hair, back combed at the root area), causing it to appear heavy and unnatural. Cranial prosthesis has poly tabs and a monofilament scalp made of stretchable soft netting which enables the scalp to breath, ensuring a proper fit and greater comfort with no slippage. Each prosthesis is carefully handcrafted to ensure a natural look and feel.

Q. How much will my insurance company cover?

A. Each insurance company is different. Contact your provider to see if a cranial prosthesis is covered in your plan and the maximum benefit your provider will cover. Often with an itemized receipt, you will be provided with reimbursement from your insurance carrier.

Q. How long does it take to get a prosthesis?

A. In most cases a system can be provided within one week. Custom orders can take from 4-8 weeks. Cranial prosthesis' come in all shapes and colors, including highlights. We will help you choose a system that best suits you and your lifestyle.

Q. How long does a cranial prosthesis last?

A. With daily wear, a synthetic system will last 6-12 months. Human hair systems last approximately 12 months, with the exception of some higher end systems that may last several years.

Q. Does my cranial prosthesis have to be cut?

A. Absolutely! Each system should be shaped and thinned to fit a clients personal style and facial features.

Q. Can I take care of a cranial prosthesis myself?

A. Yes! With the purchase of a system, we provide shampoo, conditioner and



Dan discusses with client the difference between synthetic and human hair pieces.

spray, then we educate you on the system's proper care. It's easy!

"Compassion is very important", says Dan Biro, "I try to make clients laugh and feel as if they're not sick, as if this is just another bump in the road." LaSpina's Renewed Image Salon features an extensive and affordable selection of hairpieces, cranial prosthesis' and accessories. Continuing his education and training in the latest technology and techniques in the industry, Mr. Biro offers consultations in private rooms with as much support and professional advice as possible to assist a client on their path to recovery.

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