

## Hair Loss

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Hair loss (Alopecia) can be caused by chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Hair usually begins to fall out about 14-21 days after receiving chemotherapy. Hair loss will occur over a period of days to weeks. Hair loss can range from slight thinning to complete baldness and may occur anywhere on the body.

Depending on the type of therapy, hair re-growth may start during treatment. In most cases it begins three to four weeks after therapy ends and may grow back a different color or texture. For most patients, hair will grow back after radiation. High doses of radiation therapy can cause permanent hair loss in the area being treated.

Some people choose to wear scarves, hats or a wig. If your child wants a wig, it is helpful to choose one before their hair falls out. Insurance companies or other resources may help cover the cost.

If you are interested in a wig, please make an appointment with the Friend's Place at Dana Farber. Please note that fitting wigs is by appointment only.

Friends Place

1<sup>st</sup> floor, Yawkey Building at DFCI- Monday through Friday 9a-5p

(617) 632-2211

## Contact Us

**For patient care assistance, please call the following phone numbers:**

- Jimmy Fund Clinic (617) 632-3270  
Business Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Page Operator (617) 632-3352  
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Page pediatric hematology/oncology fellow on call
- Life Threatening Emergencies dial 911