

Your Journey to Hair Restoration

Understanding the difference between a medical cranial prosthesis and a retail fashion wig — and why it matters for your health, comfort, and confidence.

This handout was provided to you by your physician.

Why a "Cranial Prosthesis"?

When hair loss is the result of a medical condition – such as alopecia, cancer treatment, trichotillomania, or other diagnoses – a standard fashion wig simply isn't designed to meet your needs. A **Cranial Prosthesis** is a medical device specifically engineered for individuals experiencing total or significant hair loss, particularly those with heightened scalp sensitivity.

Unlike a retail wig purchased off the shelf, a cranial prosthesis is custom-fitted, constructed with medical-grade materials, and prescribed by a physician. This distinction is critically important – not only for your physical comfort and scalp health, but also because it opens the door to **insurance reimbursement** that is rarely available for fashion wigs.

At **RBS Wig Studio**, we understand that hair loss is deeply personal. It can affect your sense of identity, your confidence, and your emotional well-being. Our mission is to provide you with a solution that is medically appropriate, exquisitely crafted, and tailored to reflect the real, beautiful *you*. Whether you are in the early stages of treatment or seeking a long-term hair restoration solution, a cranial prosthesis is a dignified, clinically recognized option that you deserve to know about.

What Makes It Medical?

- **Prescribed by a Doctor**
Requires a written prescription with a diagnosis code
- **Custom Fitted**
Individually crafted for your scalp's unique measurements
- **Insurance Eligible**
Often reimbursable through health insurance or FSA/HSA

Comparison at a Glance

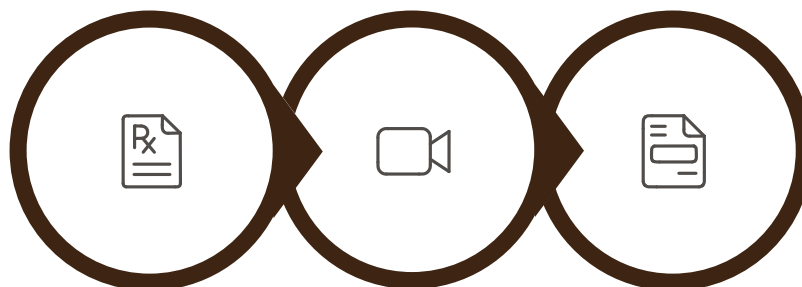
Not all hairpieces are created equal. Here is a side-by-side look at how a cranial prosthesis compares to a standard retail fashion wig across the dimensions that matter most to patients.

Feature	Fashion Wig (Retail)	Cranial Prosthesis (Medical)
Cap Material	Often abrasive; can irritate the scalp.	Soft, breathable, silk or silicone-lined.
Security	Requires clips or glue (hard on bare skin).	Self-securing, non-slip design.
Appearance	Mass-produced; can look "bulky."	Hand-tied fibers for a natural, realistic scalp look.
Insurance	Rarely covered.	Often reimbursable with a prescription.

- ❏ A cranial prosthesis is not a luxury upgrade – it is a medically recognized device. When prescribed by your physician, it may qualify for insurance reimbursement under your health plan, HSA, or FSA account. Always ask your insurer about your specific benefits.

How to Get Started

Beginning your journey to hair restoration with RBS is straightforward, supportive, and designed entirely around your needs. Follow these three simple steps to move from hair loss to renewed confidence – with expert guidance at every stage.



Prescription

Consultation

Submit
Claim

Each step is designed to minimize stress and maximize support. Our team at RBS Wig Studio has helped hundreds of patients navigate this process and will walk alongside you every step of the way – from obtaining the right prescription language to submitting your insurance paperwork correctly.

Step 1: Get a Prescription

Ask your oncologist, dermatologist, or primary care physician for a prescription for a "**Cranial Prosthesis.**" Make sure the prescription includes your official diagnosis code (e.g., alopecia, chemotherapy-induced hair loss). This single document unlocks your eligibility for medical reimbursement.

Step 2: Schedule a Consultation

Visit us in person at one of our studio locations in **Orlando, FL** or **Gaithersburg, MD**, or connect with us virtually from anywhere in the country. Our specialists will guide you through fit, style, fiber type, and color – crafting a look that feels completely natural and uniquely yours.

Step 3: Submit Your Claim

We provide a specialized **medical-grade invoice** formatted specifically for insurance submission. Use this document to request reimbursement from your insurance provider, FSA, or HSA administrator. Our team is available to answer questions and help you navigate the claims process.

We Are Here to Help

Hair loss is a transition — and like any significant life change, it is easier and more hopeful when you have the right people in your corner. At RBS Wig Studio, our entire practice is built around one purpose: helping you feel like *yourself* again. We do not see patients as cases or consultations. We see whole people navigating one of life's most emotionally challenging experiences, and we meet you there with expertise, compassion, and genuine care.

Our certified specialists bring years of experience working with patients undergoing chemotherapy, managing alopecia, recovering from scalp trauma, and beyond. We stay current on the latest advances in cranial prosthesis technology so that what we offer you is always the best available — in materials, in fit, in artistry, and in service.

Book Your Private Consultation

In-person or virtual appointments available. Your first consultation is a no-pressure, personalized experience designed entirely around your comfort and needs.

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You deserve to feel beautiful, confident, and like yourself — regardless of what your body is going through. We are honored to be part of your journey. — **The RBS Wig Studio Team**