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HAIR LOSS CAUSES

The following are some of the potential risk factors for hair loss. Please notify Dr. Romano if you think you are in any one or more of these categories:

- Thyroid or liver disease.
- Drug toxicity especially if this is due to liver or kidney failure.
- Anesthesia. The exact mechanism of this is unknown.
- Child birth.
- Starting or stopping birth control pills.
- A very high fever.
- Severe Stress.
- Anemia, such as that which can develop in runners.
- Hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism (low or overactive thyroid).
- Essential fatty acid deficiency.
- Zinc deficiency.
- Any condition that upsets the ovary, adrenal gland, or pituitary.
- Vegetarians because of protein deficiency.
- Anorexia or bulimia.
- Excess Vitamin A intake.
- Localized viral, fungus, or protozoan infections.
- Chemotherapy.
- Bromocriptine use. This drug is uncommon, but used to stop lactation.
- Beta-blocker medications. This is like Inderal, and used mostly for treatment of high blood pressure or to regulate the heartbeat.
- ACE inhibitor medications. These are like Tenormin, and also used for treatment of high blood pressure or to regulate the heartbeat.
- Amphetamines. Drugs mostly used as appetite suppressants. These may be present in milder forms in over the counter or herbal supplements.
- Anticholesterol medications. These are for lowering the cholesterol level.
- Systemic diseases and collagen vascular diseases like lupus.
- Discoid lupus. A localized skin condition associated with liver disease.
- Other: anything else you think might be a cause, call the doctor.