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K idney cancer is one of the 10 most common cancers. It occurs two times more often in men than in women. According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), the lifetime risk for developing kidney cancer is 1 in 46 for men and 1 in 80 for women. It is also more common in African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The average age at diagnosis is 64, and kidney cancer is very uncommon in people younger than 45.

A Closer Look

The kidneys are located below the ribs, behind the abdominal wall and on each side of the spine. These powerful bean-shaped organs work constantly to keep blood clean and to help balance electrolytes and hormones. While their main job is to filter and remove waste products in the form of urine, the kidneys also secrete many hormones, which help keep blood pressure normal and increase the production of red blood cells. Most people are born with two; however, it is possible to live a healthy and active life with only one functioning kidney.

Signs & Symptoms of Kidney Cancer

Nearly 82,000 Americans will be diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2023, according to ACS estimates. The rate of new kidney cancers has been on the rise since the 1990s (although it has leveled out in recent years). Some researchers suggest the rise is due to improvements in the imaging and computed tomography (CT) scans used to diagnose the disease, as well as an increase in the use of these tests.

Kidney cancer begins when cells develop changes in their DNA (known as mutations) and begin to grow and divide rapidly. These abnormal cells can form a tumor that can grow within the kidney or spread to other parts of the body.

Renal cell carcinoma is the most common type of kidney cancer, making up more than 90% of all cases. Other less common types of kidney cancer include transitional cell carcinoma, renal sarcoma and Wilms' tumor (in children).

In the earliest stages, kidney cancers don't typically cause noticeable symptoms. Some possible indicators are:

- · Blood in the urine
- Persistent pain or a lump on one side of the lower back, below the ribs
- · Fatigue (feeling tired)
- Anemia (low red blood cell count)
- · Loss of appetite or weight loss not due to dieting
- · Fever, chills or night sweats that won't go away

These symptoms can signal other health problems as well, so it is important to report any concerning signs to your health care provider. Taking proactive steps is vital to diagnosing problems early, when treatment can be more effective.



Currently, there are no routine screening tests available to detect kidney cancer. While urine tests do not diagnose kidney cancer, they can detect whether there is blood, infection or proteins in the urine, which can be signs of kidney disease. Blood tests can determine whether the kidneys are working properly. If these test results indicate cancer or that a mass may be present,

your doctor may order a specialized imaging test. CT scans and/or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans produce highly detailed, 3-D images and can help to make an accurate diagnosis.

Treatment Options

The earlier kidney cancer is found, the better the chances are for a more positive outcome. Treatment can involve surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy or immunotherapy. Decisions about treatment are made based on the stage of the cancer, as well as the patient's age, general health and personal preferences.

Risk Factors

People with a family history of kidney cancer have a higher risk of developing the disease, as do those who receive long-term dialysis to treat chronic kidney failure. The risk of kidney cancer also increases with age. Other known risk factors include:

- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- Obesity

Making healthy lifestyle changes in diet, staying active and quitting smoking (or never starting) are among the best-known measures for preventing cancer and other diseases. Getting regular physicals and staying on track with recommended screenings and vaccines also contribute to healthier outcomes.

New Options Through Clinical Trials

Advancements in the diagnosis and treatment of all forms of cancer continue at a rapid pace, thanks to ongoing clinical research. One of the most promising and successful new treatment areas for cancer is immunotherapy, which uses the body's own immune system to find, target and fight many forms of the disease, even at advanced stages.

Clinical trials have played an important role in these advancements, which are now saving more lives. Patients who participate in these safe and carefully supervised groundbreaking research studies are receiving the latest treatments available, which can have positive impacts on their outcomes.

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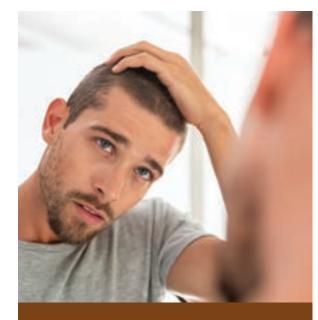
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I n the 1960s DC Comics introduced a comic called Bizarro World, featuring a square planet, where everything was opposite. What would be up on Planet Earth was down. A compliment was an insult. Marilyn Monroe was ugly, and people bought investments guaranteed to lose money.

Well, your favorite hair restoration doctor (me) has found himself doing something that would be a perfect fit for a hair restoration practice on Bizarro's Planet htraE (Earth spelled backwards).

I'm helping folks get rid of hair. Permanently.

Yes, you read that right.

I recently added Laser Hair Removal to my practice because many of my patients—both men and women got such great results from their hair restoration treatments that they were getting thicker hair in UNWANTED places. This is especially true for certain prescription medications. Many also asked if there was any modern hair removal process that wasn't fleeting or downright barbaric.

Documented hair removal tools date to at least 3000 BCE, when the first razors were made from seashells. Egyptians are credited with developing sugar-based waxes similar to what's used today. And all these centuries later we're still using archaic practices: tweezing, plucking, waxing (all "ouchies"), and gooey, stinky chemicals. Now, those are some practices that would be blockbusters on htraE!

A Hair Restoration Practice Helping Patients Get Rid of Hair? How Bizarre!

The good news is that we aren't living on htraE, and Bauman Medical offers a truly modern technology for hair removal. It's called Clarity by Lutronic, the most powerful, multi-purpose laser on the market. The Clarity laser employs a unique, state-of-the-art system that provides real-time feedback during the treatment. This feedback allows us to customize your treatment, providing quick, comfortable, and very effective hair removal. Here are some of the reasons I love it:

- It's twice as fast as any other laser hair removal system on the market.
- Results are permanent because it targets the melanin in the hair follicles, destroying their roots and preventing regrowth
- It can be used on people of all skin types
- It's virtually pain-free. (Patients most commonly report feeling a warm or tingling sensation.)

Clarity can remove unwanted hair, including vellus hair, the fine "peach fuzz" that some women experience on their face, from virtually anywhere on your body.

What are your "trouble spots"?

For women, they're typically the upper lip, cheeks, bikini area, legs, arms. underarms, and stomach. For men, common spots include the back, chest, neck, and ears.

So if you've got some problem hair and you're tired of tweezing, shaving, waxing, messy creams, or just "living with it", then I invite you to try laser hair removal with Clarity here at Bauman Medical.



by Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS

GROWING MORE OF THE HAIR YOU DO WANT

Now that you know about getting rid of hair, let's return to Earth and discuss giving you more hair in the place where most people *do* want it (the head).

It starts with improving your scalp health.

Scalp health is one of the most important factors in growing a beautiful, healthy head of hair, yet it's something most people never think about—you know, *out of sight, out of mind.*

Most people only pay attention to their scalp when a problem crops up that they can't ignore: dry or oily hair, itchiness, flaking (dandruff) or even sensitivity when you comb or brush.

But even if you don't have those issues, optimizing your scalp health will benefit your hair going forward, because *healthy hair starts with a good foundation*.

That's why I created SalonB for both men and women. SalonB is where your scalp takes center stage with the following services.

TRICHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

This 60-minute service consists of an in-depth evaluation of your scalp. It addresses every possible aspect of scalp health including:

- Determining the acid mantle (pH) balance of your scalp
- Sebum production and hydration status (is it too oily, blocking the hydration element? Is it too hydrated, impeding the secretion of oil?)



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Before and after Laser Hair Removal by Clarity

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- Measuring your scalp's elasticity
- Microscopic photos to see what's happening on your scalp (looking for inflammation, dandruff, and other abnormalities like evidence of microorganism overgrowth)
- Asking questions about your lifestyle, health and your stress levels

Your evaluation is followed by an analysis used for formulating a treatment plan and perhaps recommending a Scientific Scalp Makeover[™] (see below). You might also receive recommendations of some high-quality hair products that we've carefully chosen for you that will help, not hinder, the health of your particular scalp.

Note: Everyone's scalp is as unique as a thumbprint and can change over time. These recommendations take the guesswork out for you. You won't encounter this type of hair product customization by speculating on what your scalp issues are and reading labels on over-the-counter products that end up being exactly what you *shouldn't* be using.

SCIENTIFIC SCALP MAKEOVER™

Scientific Scalp Makeovers are for everyone, not just for people who had a trichological evaluation. Lots of our patients come just for the chance to relax and rewind with a therapeutic, 90-minute-to-three-hour session in our "head-spa" room.* We dim the lights and provide a variety of soothing treatments including:

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- A deep scalp massage to stimulate and purify the scalp, and increase circulation
- Deep cleansing shampoo
- A customized conditioner or hair mask
- *(Warning: these sessions are so relaxing you may fall asleep).

A scalp makeover is beneficial whether you've had a hair transplant, are using our other services, are concerned about your hair quality, or simply enjoy an occasional indulgence.



A "Scalp Makeover" is the ultimate pampering for your scalp, providing stress-reducing and circulation-stimulating scalp massage, scalp steaming and application of highly advanced topical therapeutic products to boost the health of the scalp and follicles.

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- Laser hair removal
- Non-surgical 3D-printed hair systems or cranial prostheses

About Dr. Alan J. Bauman



Alan J. Bauman, MD, ABHRS, IAHRS Hair Loss Expert

Dr. Alan Bauman is a full-time board-certified hair restoration physician who has treated over 33,000 patients, has performed more than 12,000 hair transplant procedures and over 12,000 PRP's since starting his medical hair loss practice, Bauman Medical in 1997.

Dr. Bauman is one of approximately only 200 physicians worldwide to achieve the certification from the esteemed American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS). Dr. Bauman is known for pioneering numerous technologies in the field of hair restoration including minimally-invasive FUE Follicular Unit Extraction, VIP|FUE[™], Low-Level Laser Therapy, PRP Platelet Rich Plasma, PDOgro[™], eyelash Transplants and others.

Dr. Bauman was voted "#1 Top Hair Restoration Surgeon" in North America by Aesthetic Everything for the 6th consecutive year, "Top Hair Restoration Surgeon of the Decade", and received the 2022 "Lifetime Achievement Award in Hair Restoration". He was also recognized by Forbes as one of "10 CEOs Transforming Healthcare in America."



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conversation that happens on an almost daily basis in my office centers around communication between spouses; parents and adult children; caretakers and friends. This may sound like a cliche, but communication goes both ways. What do I mean by this? When a person decides to get hearing aids, they are getting them to improve their communication with their loved one; however, hearing aids do not cure the hearing loss. The reality is that a person with hearing loss has a brain with hearing loss and it no longer functions the same as someone with normal hearing. **This is a simple but profound statement.**

A frustration I hear daily is: "My husband/wife still can't hear me from the other room" or "My husband/ wife talks to me with their back turned and won't listen when I ask them to turn around." If this sounds familiar, please understand that the person with hearing loss is not doing this on purpose and some small changes can have a big impact. We have a brochure that we hand out that has communication tips for both the person with the hearing loss and the person living/caring for that person.

FOR PERSONS WITH HEARING LOSS:

- Be open with people about the hearing loss
- Ask people to speak clearly and naturally: shouting and over-emphasizing just causes confusion
- If you didn't understand, it is helpful to ask the person to use different words
- Don't be too hard on yourself; even people with normal hearing mis-hears once in a while
- Look at people when they speak to you (masks make this difficult)
- Be patient
- Have a sense of humor
- Wear the hearing aids as much as possible even when home alone, your brain needs the stimulation.



- Get the person's attention before speaking: call their name, make a noise or tap on their shoulder
- Don't shout or over-emphasize: that just distorts speech
- Use different words if the person misunderstands
- Be aware of the environment: don't converse from room to room or with your head in the refrigerator
- Understand that hearing aids help, but they do not restore normal hearing; there will be times when your loved one doesn't hear you or understand something you said
- Try not to say "Never mind" if you've been asked to repeat yourself— it just makes your loved one feel both ignored and left out
- Be patient
- Have a sense of humor

Communicating with a person with hearing loss is not rocket science, it just takes some small behavioral changes. The reward will be a more harmonious home and fewer hard feelings on both sides.

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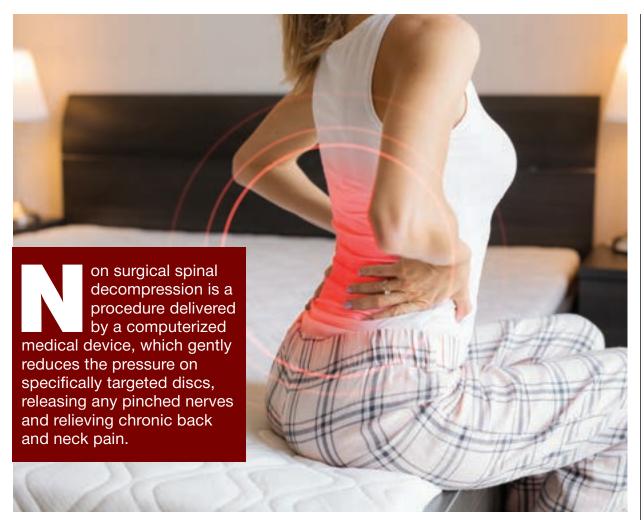
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Laser Cataract Surgery: What you should know

By David A. Goldman MD

ith every year, advances are made in ophthalmic surgery. While some are relatively insignificant, others can change the entire way we think about surgery. With cataract surgery, the latest development is the use of femtosecond laser to assist with the surgery. While this is a very exciting development for the field, the exact details are not always shared with the patient.

To begin, what exactly is laser cataract surgery? Many physicians define this in different ways. Although patients today think that cataract surgery has always been performed with laser - in fact this is not the case. The majority of cataract surgery to date has been performed with ultrasound (similar to laser except sound waves are used instead of light waves) while the physician manually guides the ultrasound probe. Femtosecond laser cataract surgery allows the initial incisions and lens breakup to be performed by an image-guided computer/laser system. That said, the ultrasound probe is still used to manually remove the now laser fragmented lens. Having performed traditional and laser cataract surgery as well as having reviewed the literature extensively on the subject, I feel compelled to educate the public about it. First, there are several important questions that should be answered.

Is laser cataract surgery any safer? Not at all. If femtosecond laser cataract surgery did indeed provide safer outcomes then Medicare/private insurers would pay for it. In fact, if your ophthalmologist does recommend laser cataract surgery as being safer, I would recommend seeking another surgeon.

Does it reduce the total surgery time? No – the time to complete the entire surgery is longer because there are now two steps to the procedure.

Is it more comfortable? No – the two methods are virtually the same. The exception being that during the laser aspect of the procedure the patient may experience a little pressure.



Does this mean there are no advantages to laser cataract surgery? Again the answer is no. The laser does allow incisions not only to be performed in the cornea but also the capsule that holds the cataract/new intraocular lens. These incisions are performed in an entirely automated format that allows for outstanding reproducibility. It has also been commented on by many that these laser incisions allow for better accuracy when choosing the proper lens power. Furthermore, in certain cases, partial laser incisions known as arcuate incisions can be performed to neutralize small amounts of astigmatism.

So should you elect for laser cataract surgery? The decision is entirely up to you, but you should not feel pressure that if you undergo traditional cataract surgery that there is a higher probability of a complication. In the hands of a skilled surgeon, cataract surgery is an overwhelmingly successful procedure. The addition of laser to the procedure is more icing on the cake and is not required but some may prefer.

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Spring (Change) is in the Air

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pring ushers in a new season. It signals the end of "winter" and the beginning of something new. Spring brings new flowers, warmer temperatures, greener grass, and another baseball season. Spring also brings another ritual for many people: cleaning.

Yep – good ol' fashioned spring cleaning. "Out with the old and in with the new." Perhaps this annual cleaning is symbolic of the change of the seasons. As we rid ourselves of shorter days, and cooler temps, we welcome in the sun and going to the beach. Spring cleaning reminds us of hope for better days ahead.

And by doing so, Spring becomes the season of hope and change.

As we enter this season, we should stop and take inventory of change that we can make in our spiritual lives to bring about hope.

Here are some things we can do for a "spiritual spring cleaning."

The apostle Paul wrote in a letter these words: "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

Note what Paul says:

Act differently. "...don't copy the behavior and customs of this world..." Just because it's popular doesn't mean we have to do it. We should strive to act differently. We can learn to be kind, polite, forgiving, humble, and serve others. We can act differently by putting others ahead of ourselves.

Think differently. "...*a new person by changing the way you think*..." There used to be a phrase that said "Garbage In. Garbage Out." This means that what we put in our heads is what we will eventually produce. This same Paul wrote in a different letter: "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8)

Be different. "...*let God transform you into a new person*..." Ultimately God does all the work and "spiritual cleaning" in our lives through His Son Jesus and His redemptive work. Again, Paul wrote these words: "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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