

Hair Preservation

For patients being treated with chemotherapy

Why prevent hair loss from chemotherapy?

- Hair is a big part of a person's identity and may affect their self-image and attitude toward cancer treatment.
- Some people may even decline treatment because they're afraid of losing their hair.

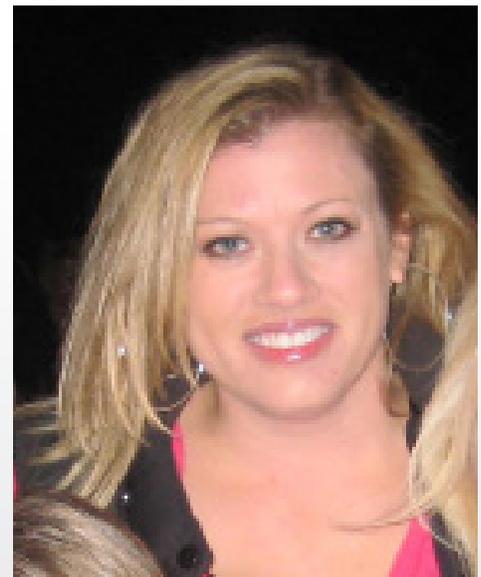


A growing number of cancer centers are offering Paxman scalp cooling technology, an option for some patients who are concerned about losing their hair. This technology reduces hair loss caused by certain chemotherapy drugs.

Paxman scalp cooling technology is for patients treated for solid tumor cancers with certain classes of chemotherapy medications. At the Lafayette Family Cancer Institute, this technology would be offered to breast cancer patients, with the potential to offer it to others in the future.

It's not currently available in Maine, but together, we can bring those who are facing breast cancer with what they deserve: an empowering option that provides them with more control over their privacy and treatment.

In memory of Robin Ball



How it works

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The patient orders a lightweight silicone cap directly from Paxman. The vendor ships the cap to the patient's home within 72 hours of enrollment.

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The cap is connected to a cooling device at the Lafayette Family Cancer Institute. The patient wears the cap, which remains connected to the cooling device, for 30 minutes before chemotherapy treatment.

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The patient continues to wear the cap during treatment, and for 60-90 minutes after treatment. The cap is worn for all subsequent treatments.

Paxman offers 24/7 phone support to patients and clinical staff.

Results

The Paxman technology reduces blood flow to the hair follicles by 20-40%, which successfully reduces hair loss for many patients.

“Success” is considered to be 50% or less hair loss. Seven clinical trials have found that 40-70% of patients will get these results. By choosing certain hairstyles, patients may be able to get the desired results even if they lose a portion of their hair.

Safety and side effects

The Paxman technology dates to 1997, and several clinical trials have proven the technology to be safe. The most common side effects include cold discomfort, headache, forehead pain, and dizziness or light-headedness. Many symptoms can be managed by taking pain medication at the time of treatment.

Growths of cancer on the skin originating from inside the body occur in fewer than 2.5% of patients.



We can bring this level of care to Maine

Together, we can help patients cope with one of the more traumatic sides of cancer treatment. A total of \$250,000 would create a fund to pay for the cost of the equipment and defray costs to patients.

\$2200

Potential cost for each patient

(Treatment is not covered by insurance)

Patients pay \$500 to Paxman for the cooling cap, and a fee to Paxman for each chemotherapy cycle. The maximum charge for each patient is capped at \$2200. Through our pilot project, we seek to help subsidize the cost to patients.

\$250

Monthly equipment lease

The monthly lease fee includes all maintenance. The lease fee will be covered through this fundraising effort.

Chances are, you already know someone who can benefit from this technology. Will you help us bring scalp cooling to Maine? Please see the enclosed pledge form to learn how you can help.

As a donor, you'll receive updates as the technology becomes available and throughout the year as patients benefit from preserving their hair during treatment.



Have questions? We can help:

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