



HAIR DISORDERS

MULTIPLE INDICATIONS FOR RECONSTRUCTIVE MOUSTACHE TRANSPLANTATION

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Background: the moustache has always been a symbol of masculine virility and has always had great importance to men. For some of them, keeping a thick moustache can be a way to enhance their strength and manhood, while for others it can be an aesthetic expression of their religious beliefs. The most frequent cause of partial or complete moustache loss is a skin injury with scar tissue production, which represents both an aesthetic and functional impairment. The scar can be a consequence of surgery, burns or diseases such as trichotillomania. Moustache transplantation represents the last step of a surgical route that aims towards the reconstruction of the anatomical unit, the restoration of facial symmetry and the improvement of cutaneous tropism.

Observation: we report five cases of moustache transplantation: two patients with chemical skin burns, one with motorcycle accident injuries, one with scarring after cleft lip surgery and one with scarring as a consequence of trichotillomania.

Key message: moustache surgery, if performed by an experienced surgical team, is simple, fast, effective, almost without complications and with a high success rate. Unfortunately, moustache transplantation represents the last step of a reconstructive surgical route and it is very little known. For these reasons this surgery is not often performed and can be at times overlooked or forgotten. The aim of this work is to illustrate a series of eligible moustache transplantation cases in order to explain this surgical technique, its key points and the learning path of this procedure.

