



# ELEVATE Salon

at ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

## Caring for your Wig

### Fitting & Styling

- Put your wig on from front to back. Place the two tabs in the front of your ears and set on the temple. Bend small tabs inwards. Glasses can be placed on the outside of the wig for extra stability.
- Ears should be pulled out from under your wig. Use the Velcro tabs to tighten or loosen your wig at the nape of your neck.
- Wigs come pre-cut and styled. However, many people chose a professional stylist to personalize their look. To make a complimentary styling appointment call 716-845-8659 or schedule online at [roswellpark.org/elevatesalon](http://roswellpark.org/elevatesalon).
- Use your finger to style your wig, a pick for curly styles to keep the curls intact and a vented brush for straight styles. A spray bottle of clean, cold water and your finger tips are great styling tools.
- Think "reverse" when brushing a wig. Start from the ends and work gradually toward the root area of the wig. When using a pick, work the curls from ends to roots.
- Hair spray, mousse, and gel can be used on synthetic wigs, but additional wig washings will be needed. Products made for wigs are best, but not required.
- Wig liners, grippers, or velour bands can be worn under your wig for added comfort.
- Wearing your wig in the shower, in a pool, a sauna or while sleeping is not recommended by the manufacturer.
- A little baby powder or dry shampoo can dull the shine and make your wig look more natural.
- For wig styles without bangs, a dab of your foundation on the wigs hair line can help blend it into your forehead for a more natural look.

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## When to Wash Your Wig

- The less you wash your wig, the better it is for the integrity of the wig.
- Typically, your wig should be washed after 15 wearings. It is recommended that your wig should be washed after 30 days. If you are especially active or perspire, you may need to wash your wig more often.
- A baby wipe or a wash cloth is a good way to clean the inside of the wig cap in-between washings.

## How to Wash/Dry

- Add a cap of mild shampoo to a basin of cool water (never hot). Gently swish wig in water and soak for 2 minutes. For softness, apply a mild conditioner, leave on 5 minutes and rinse well by swishing again in cool water. Rinse all products out thoroughly.
- Gently pat out excess water from wig between 2 dry towels and shake.
- On curly styles, swirl the curls around your finger while your wig is still wet.
- To dry, place your wig on a clean dry towel or a wire wig form. You can also hang your wig over a soda bottle or on door knob to air dry.
- Place a towel underneath to catch the water drips.
- Do not put a wet wig on a foam wig form as it will stretch.
- Allow it to dry completely before styling your wig. Do not comb or brush a wet wig.
- Do not dry your wig in direct sunlight, in front of a space heater or over the top of a lamp shade.
- Allow up to 12 hours for total air drying time.
- After the wig is dry, shake it out and style as desired. Remember, no heated tools.
- Continue to shampoo, condition and moisturize your scalp to stimulate new hair growth and to keep your scalp healthy.

## Wig Storage

- We recommend storing your wig in its box in a cool, dry spot away from direct sunlight.
- Avoid keeping your wig in a steamy bathroom or windowsill as the moisture can possibly damage your wig.



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