47664 - Are Hair Transplants Haram?

the question

Is it permissible to have a hair transplant? Please note that I am bald. Or is it haram like hair extensions, or not?

Summary of answer

It is permissible to have a hair transplant because it is aimed at correcting a fault, not at changing the creation of Allah.

Detailed answer

Hair transplant refers to moving the hair follicles from one area of a person's head to another. The ruling on that is that it is permissible, because it is aimed at correcting a fault, not at changing the creation of Allah.

Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked:

Hair transplants are done for one who has become bald by taking hair from the back of the head and transplanting it in the bald spot . Is that permissible?

He replied:

"Yes, that is permissible, because this comes under the heading of restoring that which Allah has created, or correcting a fault; it does not come under the heading of cosmetic procedures or adding to what Allah has created, so it is not regarded as changing the creation of Allah . Rather it is restoring something that is lacking or removing a fault. There is the well-known story of the three people, one of whom was bald and said that he wished that Allah would restore his hair, so the angel touched him and Allah restored his hair and gave him beautiful hair." (Al-Bukhari, 3277, and Muslim, 2964) (Fatawa 'Ulama al-Balad al-Haram, p. 1185)

And Allah knows best.