

Lab Testing Instructions for Patients Updated: 11/16/12

Progressive Medical Center Department: Nursing

Hair Mineral Analysis

- 1. Wash hair; take sample between 4-24 hours after washing. Avoid pools and heavy sweating between washing and the cutting of the hair.
- 2. Cut hair that is next to scalp. Feel free to use hair along back scalp line to prevent problems with hairline.
- 3. Take area from different areas of the scalp.
- 4. Use stainless steel scissors. Aluminum, rusting or pealing scissors can contaminate the results.
- 5. Cut pieces that are 1 to 1.5 inches, starting at the scalp (i.e. the base of the hair, not the ends). Keep only hair that is 1 to 1.5 inches closes to scalp. Cut off the rest of the hair and discard.
- 6. Weigh hair on scale provided. This ensures that you have cut enough hair.