

# **Before Your SMP**

SMP is not a medical procedure, but it is performed in a medical office setting. We provide **light sedation** and a pain-free experience with **local anesthesia.** You will also be offered a **cortisone injection** to minimize any swelling, redness, or mild itching. All of these medications are optional.

## **Guidelines to Follow**

### Do not:



Put any hair products in your hair, such as hair spray, gel, etc.



Apply any concealers, such as DermMatch or Toppik.



Drink alcohol, energy drinks, or coffee 24 hours before your procedure.

#### Do:



Decide on a particular hair style that you'd like to have. This will help us identify which techniques and which inks to use during your procedure.



Make sure your skin is in good condition.



Wash your hair and scalp on the day of, or the day before, your procedure.



Feel free to have a light breakfast before your arrival. You do not need to fast.

### Be prepared:



For the SMP procedure to take well over 6 hours, sometimes in uncomfortable positions.



To receive **local anesthesia**, **light sedation**, **and cortisol** (all are optional). If you opt for sedation, avoid driving yourself to the procedure.



For a midday lunch. We serve food from local eateries. You may also bring your own food if you have any special dietary needs.



Arrange for transportation back home with a friend, family member, or Uber/Lyft/Taxi after the procedure. Please let us know 24 hours in advance if you need assistance.