

## Help For Thinning Hair At Immacula Hair Care

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When Immacula Oligario, a hair weaver, started experiencing hair loss, she decided to look into ways to improve hair growth. Ten years ago, she opened Immacula Hair Care Clinic Limited at 1745 Hempstead Turnpike in Elmont. Using products by the company Rene Furterer, Oligario and her staff of three show clients how they might be able to reduce hair loss.

"I have been using the Furterer products for eight years. I like the results and I like the way my hair feels, and the sheen I get," Oligario said.

Results, she says, depend on the severity of the problem. "The first step is to analyze the hair. We have a machine called the cappiloscope. It magnifies the scalp and hair 182 times," Oligario said. When a condition is diagnosed, products are recommended to treat the condition.

If the problem is dandruff, a gel and shampoo called Melaleuca may be recommended to be used once a week. For thinning hair, a tryphasic solution might be used twice a week for the first month with continued usage once a week for two additional months. Clients are shown how to massage the scalp because blood is what feeds the hair, Oligario said.

There are three types of vitamins for dry hair, oily hair and thinning hair.

Vitamins called Vitalfan also are sold. Two tablets are recommended to be taken every day with breakfast to help keratin formation. Keratin, she says, is what we need for skin, hair and nails.

For baldness, Oligario says a combination of vitamins and other products would help slow down the progress but cannot erase the problem.

The clinic treats both men and women and



**Immacula Oligario, owner of Immacula Hair Care Clinic Limited in Elmont.**

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clients have the option of making weekly or bi-weekly appointments or buying the products and doing the treatment at home. Most prefer to go to the salon for treatment because they enjoy the scalp massages. The clinic also offers hair weaving which Oligario says can be used in combination with the hair products so clients can have coverage as well.

Oligario recommends commitment to the treatment and that it must be done according to specifications for best results.

"When I see the desired results," Oligario said, "when I see someone come in with a whole lot of hair problems and I actually nurture the hair and you see the finished product a month later or a year later, it gives me a high of satisfaction."

Immacula Hair Care Clinic Limited is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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