

Tays / cancer treatment

How to buy a wig

Cancer treatments or radiotherapy to the head may cause extensive hair loss. After the treatments end, the hair usually grows back.

The Department of Oncology grants a service voucher for a wig if the cancer treatments cause extensive hair loss. If your active treatment period continues for so long that a previous wig needs to be replaced (a synthetic wig lasts for about 6 months), Department of Oncology will grant another service voucher to replace the wig. The responsibility for the replacement cost will be transferred to the Assistive Technology Centre in primary healthcare only after your active cancer treatment has ended.

Service voucher for a wig

Book an appointment for a wig fitting through a service provider registered in the palse.fi portal even before your hair starts to fall out. You can get a wig from the wig store once you have been granted a service voucher.

The value of the service voucher to purchase a synthetic wig is EUR 325.05 including VAT. You can check the up-to-date value of a service voucher in the service voucher portal. Granting a service voucher for a human hair wig requires meeting special preconditions, such as having a genetic skin condition. If you buy a wig that is more expensive than the value of the service voucher, you are responsible for the difference between the price of the wig of your choice and the value of the service voucher. You can use the service voucher granted for purchasing a synthetic wig to purchase a human hair wig instead as long as you pay for the difference.

The wig service, which is part of the service voucher, includes the value and fitting of the wig, necessary alterations, the cut/styling, as well as written instructions on the use and maintenance of the wig. As it is a personal product, the wig must always be fitted. Washing products or a separate cut by a hairdresser will not be reimbursed.

If you live in a municipality other than one that belongs to the Pirkanmaa wellbeing services county, you must apply for a service voucher from your own wellbeing county.

Further information

- The Palse.fi portal (<https://palse.fi>) is a service channel that includes service vouchers, purchasing services, medical supplies distribution and aid services.
- National criteria for granting medical rehabilitation aids 2023: Guide for professionals working with medical aids and instructions for clients: <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/164725>
- You can find the Aids and Appliances Unit in your municipality of residence here: <https://www.pirha.fi/palvelut/terveyspalvelut/kuntoutus-ja-apuvalineet/apuvalineet>