Hair removal is suggested but not mandatory. 5 cycles of electrolysis or 3 sessions of laser hair removal is recommended, completed at least 3 weeks prior to GRS. Intraoperative electrolysis is further performed in surgery. Hair — with this combination — in the vagina is highly unlikely although possible.

The Penile Shaft (important): Skin from the penile shaft and mid-scrotum will be utilized in creation for the new vagina.

Thus, these areas are most important to clear prior to surgery. Remember to plan ahead, you will need multiple treatments over a 5 – 6 month period (usually 3 – 5 clearings for laser, 5 – 8 for electrolysis) to ensure effective and permanent hair removal. Please stop hair removal treatments at least three weeks prior to your SRS to permit the area to heal and recover. Also remember that no matter how well the surgery goes, there will be two scars running along each large labia. These are nicely covered by hair – so the hair on the outer scrotum and higher than the shaft should be left intact.

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