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Baldness Is Inherited From The Father As Well As The Mother:

HairDX Improves Genetic Baldness Test By Looking At Both Sides

IRVINE, CA, FEBRUARY 9, 2010 – HairDX, developer of the first [genetic test for predicting the risk of male and female pattern hair loss](#) (Androgenetic Alopecia) today announced it is now able to provide doctors with an improved prediction by looking at genetic variants inherited from the mother combined with the risk for baldness attributed by the father.

“It is well known in the medical community that pattern hair loss is inherited in a complex fashion with paternal as well as maternal influence. While the maternal inheritance of certain gene variants are necessary for the development of pattern hair loss, they are not sufficient. The HairDX test has improved predictive power by incorporating both maternal as well as paternal influences,” says Sharon Keene, M.D. Chief Medical Officer of HairDX.

“A man whose father has even a minimal amount of hair loss who tests positive for the variant AR gene has over 80% chance of developing male pattern hair loss,” says Andy Goren, President and CEO of HairDX.

The news is better for men whose fathers did not experience balding. A man whose father has no signs of hair loss who tests negative for the variant AR gene has over 90% chance of not developing male pattern hair loss.

“With the improved predictive value of the HairDX genetic test, a doctor is better informed than ever before, and can provide a personalised analysis of an individual’s likelihood of developing Androgenetic Alopecia, the most common type of hair loss,” said Goren.

The HairDX genetic test for baldness is available through doctors only.

About HairDX, LLC.

HairDX (www.hairdx.com and [Twitter: @HairDX](https://twitter.com/HairDX)) is a molecular dermatology company founded in 2007 by leading researchers and specialists in genetics and dermatology. It is dedicated to the research and development of new prescription based therapies for skin conditions tailored to an individual's genetic makeup.

The company introduced HairDX, a genetic screening test for Female and Male Pattern Baldness (Androgenetic Alopecia). The HairDX test collection kit is listed with Japan's Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a Class I medical device.

[The HairDX Genetic Test for Hair Loss](#) is also available as a CE Marked product under the European In Vitro Diagnostic Directive.

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