

**NESTOR R. DE LA** Though of the patients, after any of the surgeries, will get hair lost. And it may or may not be

**CRUZ-MUNOZ:** related to the surgery itself or just very rapid weight loss and massive weight loss. We've seen it in regular diet plans, and we sometimes see it in our surgeries. I tell the patients they are not going to end up bald, they're not going to have to wear wigs, but they are going to notice that the hair will thin. They'll see it more in their combs than in the mirrors.

And the people that are really going to complain about it are the patients themselves, and the family members aren't normally going to notice much about it at all. So I just tell them to optimize their protein intake, take their protein shakes. We also use some over the counter supplementation to try to minimize or prevent it from happening. But it's usually a temporary thing even when it does happen for about a three to four month period as they are losing weight quickly. And then, it tends to get back to normal.