

# Panretinal photocoagulation (PRP) laser

This treatment will be carried out in the Exmoor unit at NDDH. Please report to Exmoor unit reception on arrival.

A nurse will check your vision and instill some eye drops to dilate the pupil. These drops will blur your vision for 4-6 hours and allow the doctor to view the back of the eye during the laser treatment. **DO NOT DRIVE.**

You will be asked to sign a consent form for the treatment and specific risks to your eye condition will be discussed with you.

PRP laser involves applying many laser burns to the retina (lining at the back of the eye). It

Your night vision may be reduced and your colour vision altered in the eye having the treatment.

Rarely your vision may be worse after the treatment. This can be caused by a buildup of fluid at the back of the eye (macula oedema), bleeding within the eye (vitreous Haemorrhage) or extremely rarely an unintended burn to the center of the retina. This deterioration of vision may be permanent.

If you are concerned about any of these risks, or have any further queries, please speak to the consultant.

A follow up appointment will be arranged for either a further session of PRP laser, or a follow up to check that the eye is responding to the treatment. This varies depending on the reason you are having the laser.

If you have any questions or concerns please ask any member of the medical or nursing team or contact the eye clinic, Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 1pm.

Tel: 01271 322647

The Royal National Institute of Blind People. (RNIB) Find out more at [www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk) or phone the RNIB Helpline on 03031239999

The NHS Choices website. Find out more at <https://www.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.hey.nhs.uk/patient-leaflet/panretinal-photocoagulation-laser-prp/>

## **PALS**

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) ensures that the NHS listens to patients, relatives, carers and friends, answers questions and resolves concerns as quickly as possible. If you have a query or concern call 01271 314090 or email [rduh.pals-northern@nhs.net](mailto:rduh.pals-northern@nhs.net). You can also visit the PALS and Information Centre in person at North Devon District Hospital, Barnstaple.

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