

Treatment of age-related macular degeneration by intravitreal injection with anti-VEGF

This leaflet provides information about the eye condition, wet age-

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1. Complications of Lucentis in other body parts

There is a theoretical increased risk of experiencing blood clots (such as may cause heart attack or stroke) after intravitreal administration of medicines that affect the growth of blood vessels, such as Lucentis. However, a low incidence of these events was seen in the Lucentis clinical trials. Patients with a history of a stroke may be at greater risk for another stroke. I3(tor)ther

It any of the above warning signs occur, please call:

01271 322577

Ask for the first on-call (SHO or Registrar) in Ophthalmology to assess you over the phone or, if necessary, in A&E. You would need to specify that you had an intravitreal injection into the eye and that you had detected warning signs that you wished to report. If in doubt, always insist to be assessed on a slit-lamp microscope.

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It is very important, after each injection, that you do **not**:

rub your eyes

wash your face for 24 hours

wash your hair or shower for 48 hours

swim for a week

It is very important that you **do**:

keep to all post-injection appointments, which may be monthly, or scheduled telephone calls, so staff can check for response to treatment and for complications

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