

Intravitreal Injection into the Eye

Dr. Robinson has recommended an intravitreal injection of **Avastin Lucentis** into your **Right Left** eye. This handout will tell you what to expect before, during, and after treatment. You may want to write down any questions you have so that you can ask Dr. Robinson or the technician about it before treatment. Dr. Robinson will explain the treatment, the reason for it, and the type of medicine to be used including potential side effects. You will be asked to sign a consent form for the treatment.

Bring a driver. Do not plan to drive home after the procedure.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURE

Please allow 1 to 1 ½ hours for your treatment visit. We will check your vision and dilate your pupil. You will be taken to our surgical suite for the actual injection.

DURING THE PROCEDURE

Numbing drops will be put in your eye. The eye, lashes, and eye lids will be cleaned with an iodine solution. Please let us know if you are allergic to iodine. An eye lid speculum will be used to keep your eye open and to keep the eyelids and lashes away from the injection site. You may feel it, but it should not be painful.

Dr. Robinson will tell you which way to look and you may feel some pressure as the medication is injected. This only lasts a few seconds. Light pressure may then be applied to the area with a cotton-tip applicator. The lid speculum will then be removed.

AFTER THE PROCEDURE

You will be assisted to an exam room by the technician. The technician will check your eye pressure to make sure it is within normal limits and instill antibiotic drops. You may receive an eye patch. Your eye medications and follow up treatment plan will be discussed at this time.

After the treatment you may notice one or more “floaters” or dark spots moving in the upper part of your vision. This is normal. When you look into the mirror, you may notice a red spot at the site of the injection. This is also normal. You may notice some blurring of your vision as well. Both the floaters and blurriness should last only a short time. If you notice a decrease in your vision or pain in the treated eye, call the office right away.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

If you have any problems or questions after the treatment, please call the office:

(919) 782-5400 x 107

(Toll free) 888-244-7711

If you reach the technician’s voice mail, please leave a message and your call will be returned. If you need to call the office outside normal business hours, you will speak to the answering service. The answering service will page the doctor on call and have your call returned.