Ophthalmolgy Department

Instructions After Intra-Vitreal Injection Treatment (IVT)

A) During the course of multiple injections in the eye, a few patients may come across either of these symptoms after some of their injections.

Problems within few hours of the injection	Why it happens?	What to do?
1. Bright redness in one corner or half of the eye.	Blood vessel has burst open at the white part of the eye.	1. Not to worry if vision not changed. 2. Redness may spread out more before disappearing completely. 3. May feel a bit of discomfort but no pain.
2. Grittiness. 3. Feeling of sand in the eye. 4. Watering of the eye .	• All these can last a few hours up to a day after the injection. • Prior to giving the injection, everyone needs number of eye drops within a short period of time. This can make the eye drier for a day or so.	1. After reaching home, start **using preservative free lubricant eye drops** every 1-2 hour till sleep time. 2. To minimise the discomfort you can obtain lubricating drops to help ease the discomfort. 3. Rest the eye for a day as focusing may not be very clear. **4. If still in pain and vision is reduced significantly then contact eye clinic.** 5. It is advisable to start frequent lubricant eye drops a day before every clinic visit.

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5. One or more black bubbles seen floating in front of the eye.	These are the trapped pockets of air in the medication syringe. These bubbles are inside the eye though appear to be outside.	1. Nothing to do if vision is not worse. 2. These black bubbles will disappear on their own in 24-48 hours.
6. Rice grain like floater may not disappear even after a few days.	Only seen in patients who are given Ozurdex or Illuvein injection.	1. No treatment needed. 2. This is the medication implant itself, can last from few months to a year.

B) It is advisable

- **Not to drive** immediately after the injection or clinic visit as you may have dilating eye drops in the eye.
- **Not to rub your eye** after the injection, as effect of numbing drops can last for an hour.
- **Not to use eye make up** for clinic visit to minimise risk of infection.
- **Not to swim** for 48 hours or till eye feels comfortable.
- **Not to wear contact lenses** for 48 hours post injection.

C) Please Contact Eye Clinic if one of the followings are seen:

1. **Drop in vision with increasing eye pain.**
2. **Sticky discharge or pus in the eye.**
3. **New episode of flashing lights or lots of new floaters.**
4. **Fixed shadow or curtain in the field of vision.**

Monday to Friday Daytime 9am to 5pm

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After 5pm, on Weekends and on Bank holidays

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