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LUCENTIS® (Ranibizumb) and wet AMD

Your guide to LUCENTIS® therapy



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Why did my doctor prescribe Ranibizumab for me?

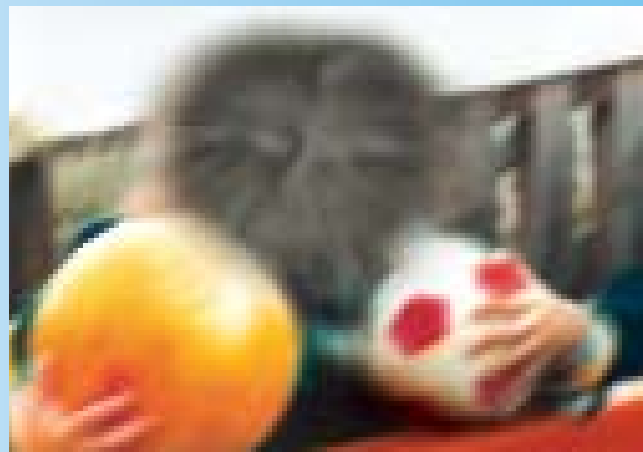
- Your doctor thinks you should receive Ranibizumab because you have a disease called neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD), which is making it harder for you to see
- Ranibizumab can stop your vision from getting worse or possibly help your vision improve



What is wet AMD?



Normal vision



Vision affected by wet AMD

- Wet AMD damages your eyesight by causing new, weak blood vessels to grow and leak into the back of your eye, making it harder for you to see
- Wet AMD affects the area of your eye that lets you see details in the centre of your vision
- Ranibizumab prevents the new, weak blood vessels from growing and leaking, and may even repair some of the damage that has been done
- Wet AMD can progress quickly. Without treatment, the vision loss from wet AMD can quickly affect your ability to do everyday things, like reading, shopping, and driving
- You may not have noticed that you have wet AMD until you started to see wavy lines, blind spots, or other changes in your vision
- Wet AMD is a long-term disease and most patients will need long-term treatment

What will treatment with Ranibizumab be like?



- Ranibizumab is given as an injection into your eye
- Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before the injection to help prevent infection
- At your appointment, a doctor or nurse will get you ready for the injection
 - Your face and the area around the eye will be covered with a special drape
 - Your eye and the skin around your eye will be cleaned to avoid infection
 - The doctor will use a device to hold your eye open
 - Your eye will be numbed with an anaesthetic so that there is no pain
- The doctor will then give the injection into the white part of your eye
 - Some patients say they feel a little pressure on the eye when the injection is being given

What will happen after my Ranibizumab injection?



- The doctor will perform some routine eye tests to make sure your treatment went well
 - The doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days to prevent any infections
- The white of your eye, where the injection went in, is likely to be red
 - This redness is normal and should go away in a few days
 - If it doesn't go away, or gets worse, contact your doctor
- You may see a few “floaters” or “spots” in your vision
 - These spots are normal and should go away in a few days
 - If they don't go away, or get worse, contact your doctor
- Occasionally, injections in the eye can cause infection, so watch for changes in the condition of your eye in the week following your injection
 - If you have increasing pain or discomfort, swelling, increasing redness, blurred vision, increasing sensitivity to light, or drying of the surface of your eye, contact your doctor as soon as possible

How well does Ranibizumab work?



- Over the course of Ranibizumab treatment, most patients find their vision stays the same, and for some, it gets better
- Around one third of patients can have noticeably better vision with Ranibizumab
- With treatment, you may find you are once again able to do everyday activities that you have found difficult since you got wet AMD
- It's important to talk to your doctor about how the treatment is working for you

How long will I need to continue Ranibizumab treatment?



- Go to your appointments regularly, as instructed by your doctor
- Tell your doctor how you feel about your treatment experience and the results
- To maintain the effects of Ranibizumab, you will likely need to receive regular tests and treatment from your eye doctor
- If your vision doesn't get better immediately, don't stop going to your eye doctor appointments—talk to your doctor
- Not every patient will have noticeably better vision with Ranibizumab, but remember that without treatment, your eyesight could get worse quickly

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Where can I get more information on wet AMD and low-vision services?

- AMD Alliance International
 - www.amdalliance.org
- Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.
 - www.macula.org
- Macular Degeneration Foundation
 - www.eyesight.org
- Foundation Fighting Blindness
 - www.blindness.org
- Lighthouse International
 - www.lighthouse.org