

# LUCENTIS\* PATIENT INFORMATION

Lucentis\* is used to treat damage to the retina (the light sensitive back part of the eye) caused by blood vessels leaking into the eye in a condition called age related wet macular degeneration (AMD).

Lucentis\* has been shown to slow the progression of vision loss and may improve vision.

Lucentis\* must not be used if you:

- are allergic to this medication.
- have or think you have an infection in or around your eye.
- have pain or redness in your eye.

If any of these apply to you, tell your Ophthalmologist before you receive Lucentis\*.

## **Before you Receive Lucentis\***

Inform your Ophthalmologist if you:

- have had a stroke or have had weakness or paralysis of limbs or face.
- are taking prescription medication, other over the counter medications or herbal preparations.

## **Receiving Lucentis\***

Lucentis is given as an injection into your eye by the Ophthalmologist.

The injection is given once a month in the first three months.

The Ophthalmologist will monitor your vision and the need for more injections.

## **Before the injection:**

Your eye will be washed carefully to prevent infection.

The Ophthalmologist will give you a local anesthetic.

You will be given antibiotic drops.

**After the injection:**

You will need to watch for:

- pain or worsening redness in the treated eye
- decreased vision
- sensitivity to light
- increased number of floaters.

Call your Ophthalmologist if you experience any of these.

The most common non-visual side effects reported include:

- headache
- elevated blood pressure
- sore throat
- pain in the joints

After the treatment your vision may be temporarily blurred. If this happens, do not drive or operate machinery until your vision has cleared.

If you forget to keep an appointment, let the Ophthalmologist's office know as soon as possible.

If you wish to stop Lucentis\* treatment, discuss this with your Ophthalmologist at your next appointment.

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