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What are the risks with these injections?

As with any medical procedure, there is a small risk of complications that may occur following an intra-vitreal injection. Most complications that might occur are from the injection itself, rather than the drug.

For most patients, the benefit of the treatment outweighs the small risk of injection injury. This should have been discussed with you when you started your course of treatment.

The following are the main potential risks and side effects of anti-VEGF eye drug injections, but this is not a complete list of all risks. These risks are all rare. Significant loss of vision due to this treatment is very uncommon.

- You might notice some discomfort and redness and your vision may be blurred for the first few days after your treatment and this usually settles between 24 – 48 hours.
- You may notice floaters in your eye which usually disappear after a few days.
- Sometimes the eye may feel gritty and watery. This should settle down after a day.
- It is recommended that you take your normal analgesia after the injection if you eye feels uncomfortable
- Serious eye infection - If your eye becomes progressively red, sensitive to light, swollen with increased pain, or if your vision gets worse after the injection treatment, you must seek medical help and advice from an ophthalmologist.

This might indicate infection and normally occurs within the first few days after the injection. The risk is minimal, but this is the most important complication, and you must contact us immediately if you are concerned about this.

Important information

Your vision may be at risk if you do not complete this course of treatment. Before you leave the unit, please get your next appointment, and attend as planned.

How to contact us

Boston House Eye Unit

is open 8:30am until 5pm Monday to Friday. During this time, please contact us on the following number if you are concerned:

Boston House Eye Unit:

01942 773116 or **01942 822244**

Outside of these hours you may attend your local A&E department.

A&E department at RAEI Wiganis open 24 hours a day and is contactable on **01942 822440.** They may refer you to a specialist Eye Unit at Manchester or Liverpool. If you wish to contact Manchester or Liverpool Eye Units directly when Boston House Eye Unit is closed, they are available on the following numbers:

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital:

0161 2765597

Royal Liverpool Eye Hospital:

0151 706 2000

Why an eye injection may be cancelled on the day

- If you are unwell e.g. urine infection, chest infection, heavy cold, eye infection or are taking antibiotics for any infection
- If you recently had a heart attack/stroke
- Are pregnant or breast feeding
- You must not have any vaccines the week before or after your injection

Please leave contact lenses out 3 days prior and post injection.

If any of the above apply, please contact: 01942 822244 Monday to Friday 08:30am until 5pm.



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