

## **Patient Instructions Following Intravitreal Injection**

What to expect:

- ❖ The eye may be irritated until the following morning, then comfortable thereafter.
- ❖ Mild redness of the eye can be expected for the first 24-48 hours.
- ❖ A red blood spot may be present at the site of injection. Occasionally this may spread to include more of the “white” part of the eye. This is called a subconjunctival hemorrhage. It could take 2-4 weeks to clear, particularly if you take a blood thinner daily, such as Aspirin, Xarelto, Coumadin, Plavix, Warfarin, Heparin or Eliquis to name a few.
- ❖ You may notice small round “floaters” in your vision during the first 24-48 hours.

Call immediately for:

- ❖ Decrease in vision or increase in “floaters” after the first 24-48 hours.
- ❖ Increased or new pain, especially aching pain, after the first 24-48 hours.
- ❖ Increased redness, swelling or discharge from the eye, especially after the first 24-48 hours following the injection.
- ❖ Brief flashing lights visible in the peripheral (side) vision.
- ❖ Dark shade progressing toward the center of your vision like a curtain.
- ❖ New rash or hives.

Call primary care physician, 911, or immediately go to the Emergency Room for:

New chest pain, abdominal pain, severe headache, weakness, numbness, slurred speech, abnormal bleeding, or shortness of breath.

**Please call our office with any questions or concerns: (585) 442-3411**

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