

A Few Questions to Ask Your Retina Doctor

Your eye doctor just told you you have macular degeneration. Now what? We recommend you ask the following basic questions when you are initially diagnosed.

Do I have DRY AMD or WET AMD? In what eye(s)?

For Patients with DRY AMD

- A. What stage is my dry AMD? Early, intermediate, or advanced? What does that mean?**
- B. Will AREDS2 vitamins like Preservision® or Occuvite® benefit me?**
- C. What activities of daily life will be limited to me now?**

For Patients with WET AMD

- A. What anti-VEGF injections do you recommend to treat my WET AMD? How did you (your retina doctor) decide what drug is best for me? Why?**
 - Avastin® (least expensive, used routinely by retina specialists all over the world but not FDA-approved)
 - Lucentis® (most expensive and widely used by retina specialists all over the world)
 - Eylea® (newest on the market in the US. Some patients are experiencing great success over Lucentis®)
- B. Do you have more information for me to review? Why do you recommend this for my situation? What is the benefit to me? What are the risks?**
- C. How long after my first injection before we will be able to tell if there has been any improvement in stopping the leakage or any improvement in my visual acuity?**