

## A Few Questions to Ask Your Retina Doctor

**Your eye doctor just said you have Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). Now what? We recommend you ask the following basic questions when you are initially diagnosed.**

1. Do I have Dry AMD or Wet AMD? In what eyes?
2. For patients with **Dry AMD**
  - a. What Stage is my Dry AMD? What does the stage mean?
  - b. Will AREDS2 vitamins like **Preservision®** or **Occuvite®** benefit me?
  - c. What activities of daily life will be limited to me now?
3. For patients with **Wet AMD**,
  - a. What anti-VEGF injections do you recommend to treat my Wet AMD?
    - i. **Avastin®** – Least expensive, used routinely by retina specialists all over the world but not FDA-approved.
    - ii. **Lucentis®** – Most expensive and widely used by retina specialists all over the world.
    - iii. **Eyelea®** – Newest on the market in the US. Some patients are experiencing great success over Lucentis®
  - b. How do you decide what medication is best for me?
  - c. Why do you recommend this for my situation?
  - d. What are the risks and benefits of the medication you are recommending for me?
  - e. Do you have information for me to review?
  - f. How long after my first injection we will be able to tell if there has been any improvement in stopping leakage or visual acuity?

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