

The Quick Summary

Your eye will probably be a little irritated for a day or two. Things should get better after that; if they are getting worse (especially if you notice lots of floaters and worsening vision), call us immediately.

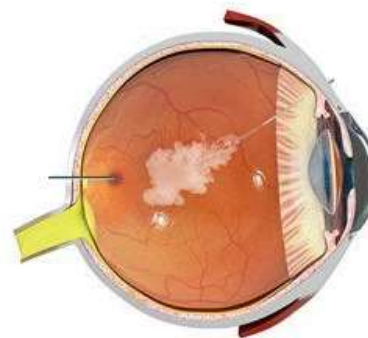
Intravitreal Injections

Q: How many injections will I have to have?

A: We don't know. Usually we start off with frequent injections and try to space them out, but spacing out injections only sometimes works. We have plenty of patients who get injections every month.

Q: What do I expect after the injection is over?

A: You probably won't notice much change right away. You probably **will** notice irritation of your eyes. This is due to a cleaning solution we use to decrease the chance of infection. It really roughs up the surface of your eye. If you take artificial tears for the first day or two after the injection, it can help to decrease the irritation.



Q: What are the risks of an injection?

A: The two big risks that Dr. Shalwala worries about are infection and high eye pressure. Infection happens in 1 in every 5,000 or so injections. You would notice an infection because your vision would start to get worse 2-3 days **after** the injection and keep worsening. Usually, the vision should be either stable or getting better by 2-3 days after the injection, not getting worse. High eye pressure can really hurt the eye after an injection because the pressure can go sky high. If it does, your vision will probably black out, so we will check to see that you can see our hands waving after every injection.

Q: Why do I have a red spot on my eye after the injection?

A: Just like you can get a bruise after an injection in the arm, you can get a bruise on the eye. On the eye, a bruise looks like a bright red spot on the white part of the eye. Like any bruise, it can change size and color before it goes away in a week or two.

Q: Why do I see these funny spots in my vision?

A: Often you can see the medicine flowing into your eye. You might also see bubbles from the syringe that are inside your eye. Occasionally, a big bubble floats to the top of your eye and you see a big dome at the bottom of your vision. All these things should get better in a day or two.

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