Information for Patients

Bevacizumab Eye Injection

Indications:
Bevacizumab is used in certain age-related eye disorders such as macular degeneration (AMD) and Diabetic retinopathy.

What is age-related macular degeneration (AMD)?
AMD is a disease associated with aging that gradually destroys sharp, central vision. Central vision is needed for seeing objects clearly and for common daily tasks such as reading and driving.

Symptoms of AMD:
- Distorted/blurred vision
- Vision loss
- Problem while driving and reading

How Bevacizumab works in AMD:
It stops the abnormal growth of blood vessels at the back of the eye (retina) and as a result stops the disease's progression.

Directions for use:
- It is only administered by a trained eye specialist.
- It is administered directly inside the eye.
- Start antibiotic eye drops one day before the injection as prescribed by the physician.
- Start oral antibiotic prior to the injection, if prescribed by the physician.

Tell your doctor if you:
- Are allergic to Bevacizumab
- Take any other prescription or non-prescription medicine

- Have diabetes mellitus
- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breast-feeding

Common side effects:
- Temporary redness of the eye
- Pain in eye, usually mild and goes away within a day or two
- Burning sensation, lasting for a day
- Watering of eye
- Foggy vision
- Allergic reactions in some patients
- Itching

Consult your doctor immediately if:
- Pain or redness of eye worsens
- Continuous discharge from the eye
- Appearance or feeling of any unusual sign or symptom.

Precautions:
- Do not rub your eyes.
- You can take bath but avoid swimming for three days after the injection.

Storage:
- Store in refrigerator and do not freeze
- Keep all medicines away from children and pets
- Do not use medication beyond the expiry date mentioned on the pack
- If unused, return the drug to the pharmacy for proper disposal
- Do not share your medicine with anyone

For more information, please contact:

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