

Winter Newsletter

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Eyelea® (Afiblercept) For "Wet" Macular Degeneration

Bayer HealthCare has received approval from the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for EYLEA® (aflibercept). The latest in Anti-VEGF therapy, Eylea is an exciting new treatment for neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD) and Macular Oedema.

This new therapeutic agent may allow for less frequent clinic visits and fewer injections — improving patient experience and reducing associated risks such as infection. This new drug is available currently through our eye specialists.

Lucentis RVO Programme

Treatment for Macula Oedema*

Novartis, the makers of Lucentis® (ranibizumab), have made their product more available for wider use. Lucentis is indicated for neovascular membranes and macular oedema. Currently the Pharmeceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) programme limits the authority of supply exclusively for the treatment of wet age-related macular degeneration.

Ophthalmologists at the Vision Centre have the opportunity to supply Lucentis to a limited number of patients with macular oedema secondary to retinal vein occlusions at no charge (for the Lucentis itself) until late August 2013.

Vision Centre Gold Coast is pleased to announce that Dr Frances Kearney has recently joined the team

Internationally and locally trained, Dr Frances Kearney is one of the few Ophthalmologists in Queensland who has undertaken a dedicated sub-specialist Fellowship in macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, vein occlusions and other medical retinal diseases.

Following her Fellowship, Monash Hospital in Melbourne approached her to perform and teach cataract surgery full time. Dr Kearney has now returned home to Queensland and is practicing at the Vision Centre's Southport and Robina rooms.

Dr Frances Kearney is a Medical Retinal Specialist, Cataract Surgeon and General Ophthalmologist. She has a comprehensive approach to each patient, supported by state of the art ophthalmic technology and welcoming, professional staff at the Vision Centre.

Macular Degeneration

An Overview

Macular degeneration is the leading cause of irreversible vision loss in the developed world. Classically there are two broad types: dry and wet. The hallmark of the dry, or non-exudative form, is the deposition of waste material beneath the retina called "drusen". There are limited medical treatments for patients with dry AMD; however dry AMD can progress to the wet, or exudative, form. Wet AMD is a disease in which new blood vessels grow underneath the retina forming choroidal neovascular membranes (CNVM). These vessels can leak fluid and blood, and, ultimately, cause scarring and vision loss if left untreated.

Wet AMD is treated medically with injections into the eye of VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor) inhibitors. This is typically required long term. Therapeutic agents for the treatment of wet AMD include Lucentis®, Avastin®, and now Eylea - the newest therapeutic agent.





Exudative Age-related Macular degeneration

Australian National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) was created by Health Ministers in 2006 to lead and coordinate health care safety and quality improvements in Australia. The National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) has implemented guidelines and standards to provide a nationally consistent statement of the level of care consumers should be able to expect from health services. The Vision Centre Gold Coast and Vision Centre Day Surgery continue to maintain these standards and we succeeded in our accreditation survey in February, 2013, under NSQHS and ISO 9001.



IOL Master 500 by Zeis

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We have upgraded our biometry equipment to include the IOL Master 500. This technology provides high resolution non-contact measurements of a patient's eye so that the power of intraocular lenses can be calculated and tailored for patients. This new, patient friendly, platform provides convenient biometry and improved confidence in lens selection for cataract and refractive surgery.

With the most up to date methods of calculating lens power - we are able to confidently provide our patients the best possible outcomes following cataract and refractive surgery.

Our Two Practices – Southport and Robina

The Vision Centre Gold Coast is a comprehensive eye care facility, based at Southport and Robina, on the Gold Coast. The Vision Centre Day Surgery, a dedicated Ophthalmic Day Surgery with advanced technology, is located on the ground floor of our Southport practice

We are dedicated to excellence in the care of your eyes and your eyesight at our purpose built clinics.

The Vision Centre Gold Coast combines the expertise of a number of internationally qualified and recognised Ophthalmologists. We specialise in cataract-refractive surgery, vitreoretinal surgery, oculoplastics, glaucoma diagnosis and treatment, retinal diseases Front reception - Southport such as age-related macular degeneration and diabetic eye problems, tear duct and eyelid disease, adult strabismus, and general ophthalmology.

We provide active co-management of eye care with patients' own local Optometrists and General Practitioners.

Both our practices are fully equipped, provide ample free undercover parking for our patients, and lift access to the clinics. We have easy access for the elderly and patients with disabilities as well as a friendly and comfortable environment for your visit.



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