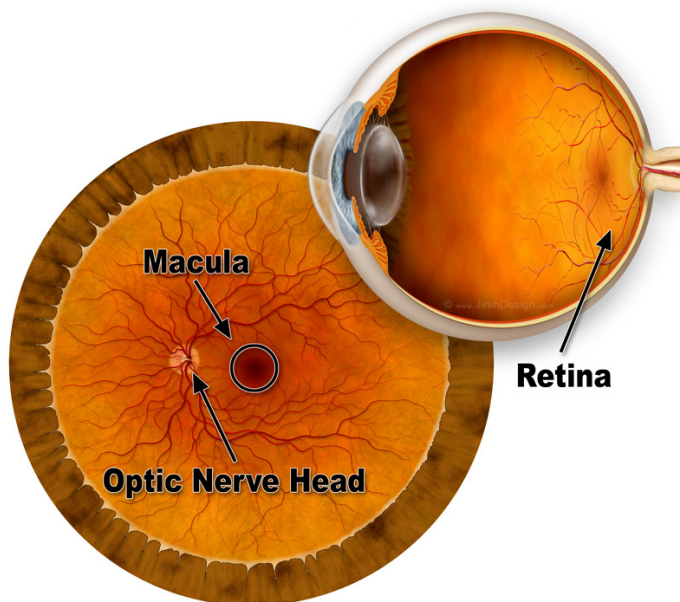


Fight Back Against Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration

WHAT IS WET AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION?



Age-related macular degeneration, or AMD, is the leading cause of vision loss in people over the age of 50

Wet AMD is a chronic eye disorder that causes blurred vision or blind spots

AMD becomes “wet” when abnormal blood vessels leak fluid into the macula at the back of your eye, which is responsible for central vision

**EARLY TREATMENT
CAN IMPROVE VISION**

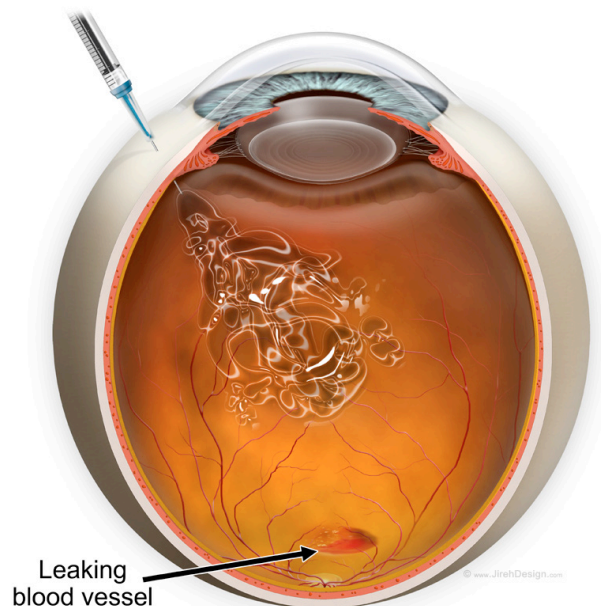


**WITHOUT TREATMENT,
VISION WILL GET WORSE**

HOW IS WET AMD TREATED?

- Wet AMD is treated with anti-VEGF medication
- Anti-VEGF is injected through a procedure conducted by your retina specialist
- This medication slows the leaking and reduces the growth hormone to prevent vision loss
- Wet AMD is a chronic condition, and continued treatment can help maintain good vision

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What to Expect...

During the procedure

- 1 Eyes and eyelids are numbed and cleaned
- 2 A small needle about the width of a strand of hair is used to inject the medicine
- 3 Individuals typically feel pressure with little or no pain
- 4 The entire procedure takes about 10 minutes

After the procedure

- Use artificial tears to ease any irritation
- A small amount of bleeding, like a bruise, sometimes occurs at the injection site; this usually heals within 1 week
- You may experience floaters or swirls; this will go away within 3-4 days
- Continue to follow up with your retina specialist
- Severe complications are rare, approximately 1 in 5,000

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