

Information for Patients

Assessment for Photo Dynamic Therapy (PDT)

You have been referred to the Macular Treatment Centre at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital to assess your visual problem and to see if it is suitable for treatment by Photo Dynamic Therapy (PDT).

The assessment/treatment clinic is an 'all day' session. **Please plan to be at the hospital for the whole day.** In the morning, we will measure your vision and perform a fluorescein angiogram (diagnostic photographic procedure that uses a contrast dye to give a detailed view of the retinal circulatory system at the back of your eye). You will receive a separate leaflet detailing this procedure. The results of this are then analysed for the consultant to review in the afternoon. If treatment is indicated, this will be carried out that same afternoon. There is no specific preparation required and you should eat and drink as normal.

You may have someone accompany you but as space is limited we ask that you only bring one person. This area is not suitable for young children.

Only certain forms of 'wet' macular degeneration have been shown to respond well to PDT. We treat these lesions at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital following National Health Service (NHS) and National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines.

Following your appointment at the assessment clinic the doctor will advise you of the type of lesion you have and whether treatment is indicated.

We enclose a booklet which gives you further details of the treatment. Please bring sun glasses and a hat in case you are treated as it is important to avoid strong sunlight for 48 hours after treatment.

If you require further advice or do not understand anything contained in this leaflet please contact the Macular Treatment Centre on **(0161) 276 3859/5543** Monday-Thursday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am - 4.00 pm.