

Information for Patients

Uveitis Information

6+ years

What is uveitis?

Uveitis is the swelling of a layer of the eye called the uveal tract.



What causes uveitis?

There are lots of causes of uveitis, including:

- Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA).
- Infection.
- Injury.
- Sometimes we don't know the cause.

Why do I need to come to the Eye Hospital?

You can't always tell that you have uveitis. We do special tests that can only be done at the Eye Hospital to check whether it is there.

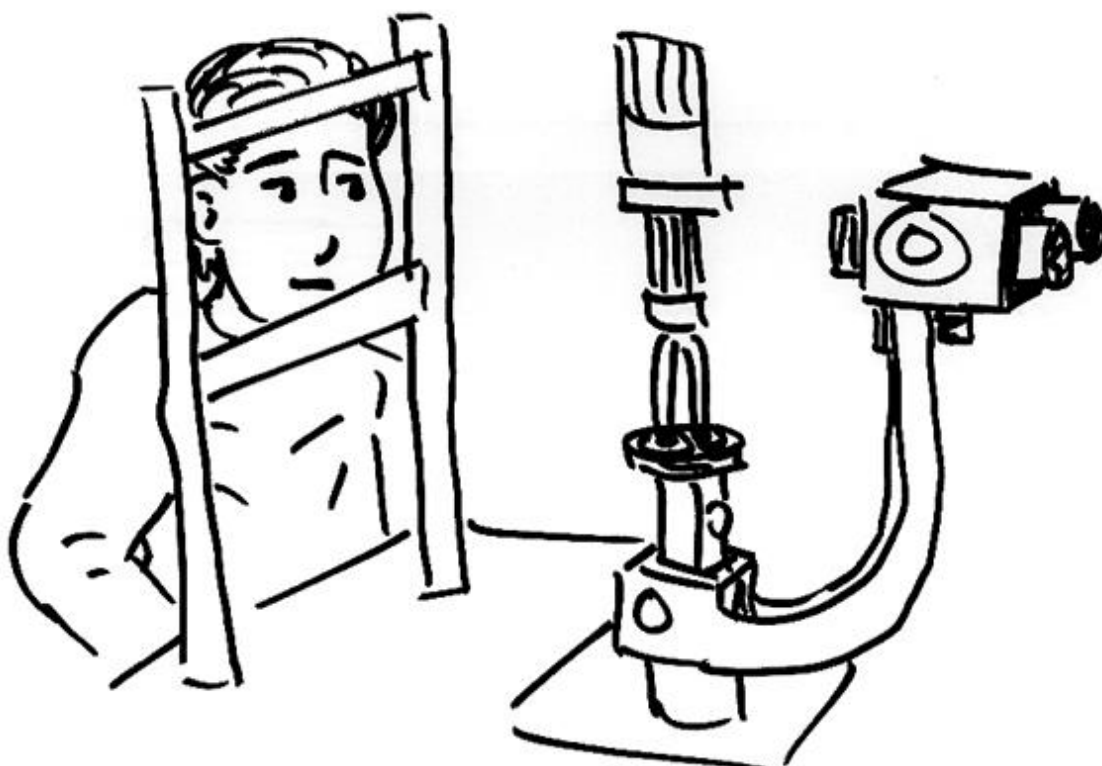
If you have uveitis, we can give you medicine to help keep your eyes healthy.

What will happen at my appointment?

You will come to Clinic H in the Eye Hospital. While you are waiting for your name to be called, there are toys and books to look at.

You will have your eyesight checked by looking at a letter chart. Then we will use special equipment to look at your eyes.

You may need to have eye drops. They can feel cold when they go in your eyes but if you count to 10, it will feel better.



<http://www.drakiastudios.com/Services/illustration/pictures/slitlamp01copy.png>

What will happen after the appointment?

If you have uveitis, we will give you medicine to make it better and see you regularly in the Eye Hospital to check that the medicine is working.

If you do not have uveitis, we will check your eyes a few times each year to make sure they are still ok.

Important!

You should tell your parents if your eyes ever feel strange or you can't see properly.