

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_480_21

You asked:

Please could confirm if your organization has an local guidelines for the treatment for the following conditions of the eye. If you have local guidelines available please could I request a copy.

- Neovascular age related macular degeneration (wet AMD)
- Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
- Diabetic macular oedema (DMO)
- Macular oedema secondary to central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO)
- Macular oedema secondary to branch retinal vein occlusion (BRVO)
- Choroidal neovascularization (CNV) associated with pathological myopia
- Vitreomacular traction (VMT)
- Non-infectious uveitis

If no local guidelines are available please can you confirm if any national guidelines are used for the treatment for these conditions.

Our response:

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board does not have any formal, local guidelines for the conditions you have specified. We base our care for all of these services around the current National guidelines set out by both the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellent (NICE). NICE technology appraisals summarise the evidence for a particular therapy, in particular diseases eg aflibercept for branch retinal vein occlusions. These are not guidelines per se but do inform some of our decision making in clinics. There are no guidelines for VMT and non-infectious uveitis. There is a technology appraisal for the use of ozurdex and adalimumab (one of the biologic agents) in non-infectious uveitis.

The links below will help in locating guidelines available:

AMD

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng82/chapter/recommendations>

DMO technology appraisals

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta274>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta349>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta346>

RCOphth diabetic retinopathy guidelines

<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/2012-SCI-267-Diabetic-Retinopathy-Guidelines-December-2012.pdf>

RVO NICE technology appraisals

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta229>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta283>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta409>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta305>

RCOphth vein occlusion guidelines

<https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Retinal-Vein-Occlusion-RVO-Guidelines-July-2015.pdf>

NICE technology appraisals myopic CNVM

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta486>

<https://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/TA298>

Vitreomacular traction - no guidelines.

Non-infectious uveitis - no guidelines but there is a NICE technology appraisal

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta460>