

Patient Information Factsheet – Anterior Uveitis

Department of Ophthalmology

What is Anterior Uveitis?

This is an inflammatory condition of the eye. It is not an infection. It commonly involves the iris (the coloured part of the eye) and other structures at the front of the eye.

What symptoms may I experience?

- Pain
- Redness of the eye
- Sensitivity to bright light
- Blurred vision

These symptoms are normally only present in one eye at a time during each attack.

What is the treatment?

The treatment involves the use of steroid drops that reduce the inflammation in the eye, making your pupil large and the eye feel more comfortable as well as preventing some complications. Do not worry if your vision is a little blurred while your pupil is dilated. It is only a direct consequence of the pupil being fixed in the dilated position. This will resolve once the treatment to dilate the pupil is stopped.

Your symptoms should settle once you have started treatment. If your symptoms are not improving let the doctor know when you are seen at follow up.

It is possible that if you have suffered one attack, you may have further episodes in the future.

If you have any concerns or require any further information please contact the Urgent Eye Clinic on the details shown overleaf.

Urgent Eye Clinic – Opening times:

- Monday - Friday: 9am to 7pm.
- Saturday: 9am to 12:30pm.
- Closed from Saturday after 12:30pm until Monday at 9am.
- Closed Bank Holidays - please attend your local A&E department.

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