



EYLEA®

Patient Guide

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 **EYLEA[®] 40 mg/mL**
solution for injection
aflibercept

 **EYLEA[®] 114.3 mg/mL**
solution for injection
aflibercept

Your guide to EYLEA[®]

EYLEA is used to treat Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD)

The guide has been produced for people who have been prescribed EYLEA (aflibercept solution for injection) for the treatment of wAMD. The EYLEA 2 mg dose and the EYLEA 8 mg dose have been studied in wAMD and in diabetic macular oedema (abbreviated as DME). Your doctor may give you either the EYLEA 2 mg dose or the EYLEA 8 mg dose, depending on your situation. If the EYLEA 2 mg dose is given, your doctor will use the EYLEA 40 mg/ml solution. If the EYLEA 8 mg dose is given, your doctor will use the EYLEA 114.3 mg/ml solution.

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Patient Audio wAMD




EYLEA 114.3 mg/ml (8 mg dose) (vial)

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Patient Information Leaflet



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Patient Audio wAMD





Your doctor has prescribed EYLEA because you have been diagnosed with wet age-related macular degeneration, or Wet AMD.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a type of treatment known as an anti-VEGF. Anti-VEGF is an abbreviation for anti-vascular endothelial growth factor, and this is a description of how EYLEA works to protect your vision. EYLEA blocks VEGF, and this action helps reduce the swelling in the retina and can lead to vision improvement and maintenance.

EYLEA is a solution (a liquid) that is injected into the eye. It is available in a 2 mg dose and an 8 mg dose. Your doctor will determine which dose is best suited to meet your individual situation. Your doctor will also recommend a treatment schedule for you and it is very important that you follow it.

What should your doctor know before you are treated with EYLEA?

Before your EYLEA treatment starts, make sure to tell your doctor and other health care providers if you:

- Have an infection in or around your eye.
- If you currently have redness in your eye or if there is any pain in your eye.
- Think you may be allergic to iodine, any pain killers or any of the ingredients in EYLEA.
- Have had any issues or problems with eye injections before.
- Have glaucoma or a history of high pressure in your eye.
- If you see, or have seen, flashes of light or 'floaters' in your vision.
- Are taking any medications, with or without a prescription.
- Had or will have eye surgery within 4 weeks before or after EYLEA treatment.
- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding. There is very little information about the safety of using EYLEA in pregnant women. EYLEA 2 mg and EYLEA 8 mg should not be used during pregnancy, unless the benefit outweighs the risk to the foetus. Discuss this with your doctor before treatment with EYLEA. Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during their treatment with EYLEA. If you are treated with the EYLEA 2 mg dose, you should continue to use effective contraception for at least three months after the last injection. If you are treated with the EYLEA 8 mg dose, you should continue to use effective contraception for at least four months after the last injection. Small amounts of EYLEA may enter into the breastmilk. The effects of aflibercept on a breast-fed newborn/infant is unknown. Use of EYLEA is not recommended during breastfeeding.

How can I get ready for my EYLEA appointment?

Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before your appointment. After your treatment, your vision may be blurry so you should not drive home. Plan to have a friend or family member take you to your appointment or arrange another way to get there and home again. On the day of your appointment, do not wear any makeup.

What can I expect after the EYLEA treatment?

Your doctor may give you some eye tests after your EYLEA injection. This may include a test that measures the pressure inside your eye. After your injection, your vision will be blurry so you should not plan to drive until after your vision returns to normal.

During the next few days, you may get a bloodshot eye or see moving spots in your vision. These should clear within a few days and if they don't, or if they get worse, you should contact your doctor.

Some people might feel a little bit of pain or discomfort in their eye after their injection. If this does not go away or gets worse, you should contact your doctor.

Does EYLEA have side effects?

Just like any medicine, EYLEA has the potential to cause side effects. Not everyone who is given an EYLEA injection will experience a side effect. EYLEA has the same potential side effects whether given as a 2 mg dose or as an 8 mg dose.

Contact your doctor immediately if you have any signs or symptoms listed in the table below as these could be signs of a serious complication with the treatment:

Condition	Some Potential Signs or Symptoms
Infection or inflammation inside the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye pain or increased discomfort • Worsening eye redness • Sensitivity to light • Swelling of the eyelid • Vision changes such as sudden decrease in vision or blurring of vision
Clouding of the lens (cataract)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blurry vision • Seeing shadows • Less vivid lines and shapes • Colour vision changes (e.g. colours looked 'washed out')
Increase in pressure in the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing halos around lights • Eye pain • Experiencing a red eye • Nausea or vomiting • Vision changes
A detachment or tear of a layer of the retina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden flashes of light • A sudden appearance or an increase of floaters • A curtain like effect over a portion of the visual area • Vision changes

For a full list of side effects, please refer to the relevant EYLEA Patient Information Leaflet (PIL). You can access the PIL using the QR code at the beginning of this guide, or by asking your doctor. The PIL is also available on www.medicines.ie.

If you get any side effects, which includes any possible side effects not listed in this guide, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance. Website: www.hpra.ie.

Adverse events can also be reported to Bayer Limited by phone on 01-2163300 or email at ADR-Ireland@bayerhealthcare.com. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

What if I have concerns or questions?

If you have any concerns or questions, your doctor or nurse are the best people to speak to. They are very experienced and they know your individual situation so can provide you with the answers you need.

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Your guide to EYLEA[®]

EYLEA is used to treat Diabetic Macular Oedema (DME).

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Patient Audio DME




EYLEA 114.3 mg/ml (8 mg dose) (vial)

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Patient Information Leaflet



QR code to
Patient Audio DME





Your doctor has prescribed EYLEA because you have been diagnosed with diabetic macular oedema, or DME for short.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a type of treatment known as an anti-VEGF. Anti-VEGF is an abbreviation for anti-vascular endothelial growth factor, and this is a description of how EYLEA works to protect your vision. EYLEA blocks VEGF, and this action helps reduce the swelling in the retina and can lead to vision improvement and maintenance.

EYLEA is a solution (a liquid) that is injected into the eye. It is available in a 2 mg dose and an 8 mg dose. Your doctor will determine which dose is best suited to meet your individual situation. Your doctor will also recommend a treatment schedule for you and it is very important that you follow it.

What should your doctor know before you are treated with EYLEA?

Before your EYLEA treatment starts, make sure to tell your doctor and other health care providers if you:

- Have an infection in or around your eye.
- If you currently have redness in your eye or if there is any pain in your eye.
- Think you may be allergic to iodine, any pain killers or any of the ingredients in EYLEA.
- Have had any issues or problems with eye injections before.
- Have glaucoma or a history of high pressure in your eye.
- If you see, or have seen, flashes of light or 'floaters' in your vision.
- Are taking any medications, with or without a prescription.
- Had or will have eye surgery within 4 weeks before or after EYLEA treatment.
- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding. There is very little information about the safety of using EYLEA in pregnant women. EYLEA 2 mg and EYLEA 8 mg should not be used during pregnancy, unless the benefit outweighs the risk to the foetus. Discuss this with your doctor before treatment with EYLEA. Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during their treatment with EYLEA. If you are treated with the EYLEA 2 mg dose, you should continue to use effective contraception for at least three months after the last injection. If you are treated with the EYLEA 8 mg dose, you should continue to use effective contraception for at least four months after the last injection. Small amounts of EYLEA may enter into the breastmilk. The effects of aflibercept on a breast-fed newborn/infant is unknown. Use of EYLEA is not recommended during breastfeeding.

How can I get ready for my EYLEA appointment?

Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before your appointment. After your treatment, your vision may be blurry so you should not drive home. Plan to have a friend or family member take you to your appointment or arrange another way to get there and home again. On the day of your appointment, do not wear any makeup.

What can I expect after the EYLEA treatment?

Your doctor may give you some eye tests after your EYLEA injection. This may include a test that measures the pressure inside your eye. After your injection, your vision will be blurry so you should not plan to drive until after your vision returns to normal.

During the next few days, you may get a bloodshot eye or see moving spots in your vision. These should clear within a few days and if they don't, or if they get worse, you should contact your doctor.

Some people might feel a little bit of pain or discomfort in their eye after their injection. If this does not go away or gets worse, you should contact your doctor.

Does EYLEA have side effects?

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Increase in pressure in the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing halos around lights • Eye pain • Experiencing a red eye • Nausea or vomiting • Vision changes
A detachment or tear of a layer of the retina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden flashes of light • A sudden appearance or an increase of floaters • A curtain like effect over a portion of the visual area • Vision changes

For a full list of side effects, please refer to the relevant EYLEA Patient Information Leaflet (PIL). You can access the PIL using the QR code at the beginning of this guide, or by asking your doctor. The PIL is also available on www.medicines.ie.

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Vision Ireland - Working for People with Sight Loss,
Whitworth Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Tel: Locall 1800 911 250;

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Diabetes Ireland,

19 Northwood House, Northwood Business Campus, Santry, Dublin 9.

Tel: 01-8428118

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Your eye care clinic is:

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Email:

Clinic Stamp:

Your guide to EYLEA[®]

EYLEA is used to treat macular oedema secondary to Central Retinal Vein Occlusion (CRVO)

The guide has been produced for people who have been prescribed the EYLEA 2 mg dose (aflibercept solution for injection) for the treatment of CRVO. The EYLEA 2 mg dose and the EYLEA 8 mg dose have been studied in wet age-related macular degeneration (abbreviated as wAMD) and in diabetic macular oedema (abbreviated as DME). The EYLEA 8 mg dose has not been studied in CRVO.

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Patient Information Leaflet



QR code to
Patient Audio CRVO





Your doctor has prescribed EYLEA because you have been diagnosed with macular oedema secondary to central retinal vein occlusion, or CRVO.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a type of treatment known as an anti-VEGF. Anti-VEGF is an abbreviation for anti-vascular endothelial growth factor, and this is a description of how EYLEA works to protect your vision. EYLEA blocks VEGF, and this action helps reduce the swelling in the retina and can lead to vision improvement and maintenance.

EYLEA is a solution (a liquid) that is injected into the eye. For the treatment of CRVO, EYLEA is available in a 2 mg dose. Your doctor will also recommend a treatment schedule for you and it is very important that you follow it.

What should your doctor know before you are treated with EYLEA?

Before your EYLEA treatment starts, make sure to tell your doctor and other health care providers if you:

- Have an infection in or around your eye.
- If you currently have redness in your eye or if there is any pain in your eye.
- Think you may be allergic to iodine, any pain killers or any of the ingredients in EYLEA.
- Have had any issues or problems with eye injections before.
- Have glaucoma or a history of high pressure in your eye.
- If you see, or have seen, flashes of light or 'floaters' in your vision.
- Are taking any medications, with or without a prescription.
- Had or will have eye surgery within 4 weeks before or after EYLEA treatment.
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How can I get ready for my EYLEA appointment?

Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before your appointment. After your treatment, your vision may be blurry so you should not drive home. Plan to have a friend or family member take you to your appointment or arrange another way to get there and home again. On the day of your appointment, do not wear any makeup.

What can I expect after the EYLEA treatment?

Your doctor may give you some eye tests after your EYLEA injection. This may include a test that measures the pressure inside your eye. After your injection, your vision will be blurry so you should not plan to drive until after your vision returns to normal.

During the next few days, you may get a bloodshot eye or see moving spots in your vision. These should clear within a few days and if they don't, or if they get worse, you should contact your doctor.

Some people might feel a little bit of pain or discomfort in their eye after their injection. If this does not go away or gets worse, you should contact your doctor.

Does EYLEA have side effects?

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Increase in pressure in the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing halos around lights • Eye pain • Experiencing a red eye • Nausea or vomiting • Vision changes
A detachment or tear of a layer of the retina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden flashes of light • A sudden appearance or an increase of floaters • A curtain like effect over a portion of the visual area • Vision changes

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Your guide to EYLEA[®]

EYLEA is used to treat macular oedema secondary to Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion (BRVO)

The guide has been produced for people who have been prescribed the EYLEA 2 mg dose (aflibercept solution for injection) for the treatment of BRVO. The EYLEA 2 mg dose and the EYLEA 8 mg dose have been studied in wet age-related macular degeneration (abbreviated as wAMD) and in diabetic macular oedema (abbreviated as DME). The EYLEA 8 mg dose has not been studied in BRVO.

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QR code to
Patient Information Leaflet



QR code to
Patient Audio BRVO





Your doctor has prescribed EYLEA because you have been diagnosed with macular oedema secondary to branch retinal vein occlusion, or BRVO.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a type of treatment known as an anti-VEGF. Anti-VEGF is an abbreviation for anti-vascular endothelial growth factor, and this is a description of how EYLEA works to protect your vision. EYLEA blocks VEGF, and this action helps reduce the swelling in the retina and can lead to vision improvement and maintenance.

EYLEA is a solution (a liquid) that is injected into the eye. For the treatment of BRVO, EYLEA is available in a 2 mg dose. Your doctor will also recommend a treatment schedule for you and it is very important that you follow it.

What should your doctor know before you are treated with EYLEA?

Before your EYLEA treatment starts, make sure to tell your doctor and other health care providers if you:

- Have an infection in or around your eye.
- If you currently have redness in your eye or if there is any pain in your eye.
- Think you may be allergic to iodine, any pain killers or any of the ingredients in EYLEA.
- Have had any issues or problems with eye injections before.
- Have glaucoma or a history of high pressure in your eye.
- If you see, or have seen, flashes of light or 'floaters' in your vision.
- Are taking any medications, with or without a prescription.
- Had or will have eye surgery within 4 weeks before or after EYLEA treatment.
- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding. There is very little information about the safety of using EYLEA in pregnant women. EYLEA 2 mg should not be used during pregnancy, unless the benefit outweighs the risk to the foetus. Discuss this with your doctor before treatment with EYLEA. Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during their treatment and for at least three months after the last injection of EYLEA. Small amounts of EYLEA may enter into the breastmilk. The effects of aflibercept on a breast-fed newborn/infant is unknown. Use of EYLEA is not recommended during breastfeeding.

How can I get ready for my EYLEA appointment?

Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before your appointment. After your treatment, your vision may be blurry so you should not drive home. Plan to have a friend or family member take you to your appointment or arrange another way to get there and home again. On the day of your appointment, do not wear any makeup.

What can I expect after the EYLEA treatment?

Your doctor may give you some eye tests after your EYLEA injection. This may include a test that measures the pressure inside your eye. After your injection, your vision will be blurry so you should not plan to drive until after your vision returns to normal.

During the next few days, you may get a bloodshot eye or see moving spots in your vision. These should clear within a few days and if they don't, or if they get worse, you should contact your doctor.

Some people might feel a little bit of pain or discomfort in their eye after their injection. If this does not go away or gets worse, you should contact your doctor.

Does EYLEA have side effects?

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Your guide to EYLEA[®]

EYLEA is used to treat myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

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Patient Information Leaflet



QR code to
Patient Audio Myopic CNV





Your doctor has prescribed EYLEA because you have been diagnosed with myopic choroidal neovascularization, or mCNV.

What is EYLEA?

EYLEA is a type of treatment known as an anti-VEGF. Anti-VEGF is an abbreviation for anti-vascular endothelial growth factor, and this is a description of how EYLEA works to protect your vision. EYLEA blocks VEGF, and this action helps reduce the swelling in the retina and can lead to vision improvement and maintenance.

EYLEA is a solution (a liquid) that is injected into the eye. For the treatment of mCNV, EYLEA is available in a 2 mg dose. Your doctor will also recommend a treatment schedule for you and it is very important that you follow it.

What should your doctor know before you are treated with EYLEA?

Before your EYLEA treatment starts, make sure to tell your doctor and other health care providers if you:

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- If you currently have redness in your eye or if there is any pain in your eye.
- Think you may be allergic to iodine, any pain killers or any of the ingredients in EYLEA.
- Have had any issues or problems with eye injections before.
- Have glaucoma or a history of high pressure in your eye.
- If you see, or have seen, flashes of light or 'floaters' in your vision.
- Are taking any medications, with or without a prescription.
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- Are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breastfeeding. There is very little information about the safety of using EYLEA in pregnant women. EYLEA 2 mg should not be used during pregnancy, unless the benefit outweighs the risk to the foetus. Discuss this with your doctor before treatment with EYLEA. Women of childbearing potential should use effective contraception during their treatment and for at least three months after the last injection of EYLEA. Small amounts of EYLEA may enter into the breastmilk. The effects of aflibercept on a breast-fed newborn/infant is unknown. Use of EYLEA is not recommended during breastfeeding.

How can I get ready for my EYLEA appointment?

Your doctor may ask you to use eye drops for a few days before your appointment. After your treatment, your vision may be blurry so you should not drive home. Plan to have a friend or family member take you to your appointment or arrange another way to get there and home again. On the day of your appointment, do not wear any makeup.

What can I expect after the EYLEA treatment?

Your doctor may give you some eye tests after your EYLEA injection. This may include a test that measures the pressure inside your eye. After your injection, your vision will be blurry so you should not plan to drive until after your vision returns to normal.

During the next few days, you may get a bloodshot eye or see moving spots in your vision. These should clear within a few days and if they don't, or if they get worse, you should contact your doctor.

Some people might feel a little bit of pain or discomfort in their eye after their injection. If this does not go away or gets worse, you should contact your doctor.

Does EYLEA have side effects?

Just like any medicine, EYLEA has the potential to cause side effects. Not everyone who is given an EYLEA injection will experience a side effect.

Contact your doctor immediately if you have any signs or symptoms listed in the table below as these could be signs of a serious complication with the treatment:

Condition	Some Potential Signs or Symptoms
Infection or inflammation inside the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye pain or increased discomfort • Worsening eye redness • Sensitivity to light • Swelling of the eyelid • Vision changes such as sudden decrease in vision or blurring of vision
Clouding of the lens (cataract)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blurry vision • Seeing shadows • Less vivid lines and shapes • Colour vision changes (e.g. colours looked 'washed out')
Increase in pressure in the eye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing halos around lights • Eye pain • Experiencing a red eye • Nausea or vomiting • Vision changes
A detachment or tear of a layer of the retina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudden flashes of light • A sudden appearance or an increase of floaters • A curtain like effect over a portion of the visual area • Vision changes

For a full list of side effects, please refer to the relevant EYLEA Patient Information Leaflet (PIL). You can access the PIL using the QR code at the beginning of this guide, or by asking your doctor. The PIL is also available on www.medicines.ie.

If you get any side effects, which includes any possible side effects not listed in this guide, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. You can also report side effects directly via HPRA Pharmacovigilance. Website: www.hpra.ie.

Adverse events can also be reported to Bayer Limited by phone on 01-2163300 or email at ADR-Ireland@bayerhealthcare.com. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

What if I have concerns or questions?

If you have any concerns or questions, your doctor or nurse are the best people to speak to. They are very experienced and they know your individual situation so can provide you with the answers you need.

Useful contacts

Fighting Blindness,

3rd Floor, 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01-6789 004;

www.fightingblindness.ie

Vision Ireland - Working for People with Sight Loss,
Whitworth Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9.

Tel: Locall 1800 911 250;

www.vi.ie

Your eye care clinic is:

Contact:

Telephone:

Address:

Email:

Clinic Stamp:

