



YOUR GUIDE TO

ILUVIEN[®]

Patient treatment support

You may have questions about ILUVIEN and how it works, which is why this guide has been developed.

This guide should not take the place of advice from your eye specialist, nurse, GP or pharmacist, who should always be your first point of contact.

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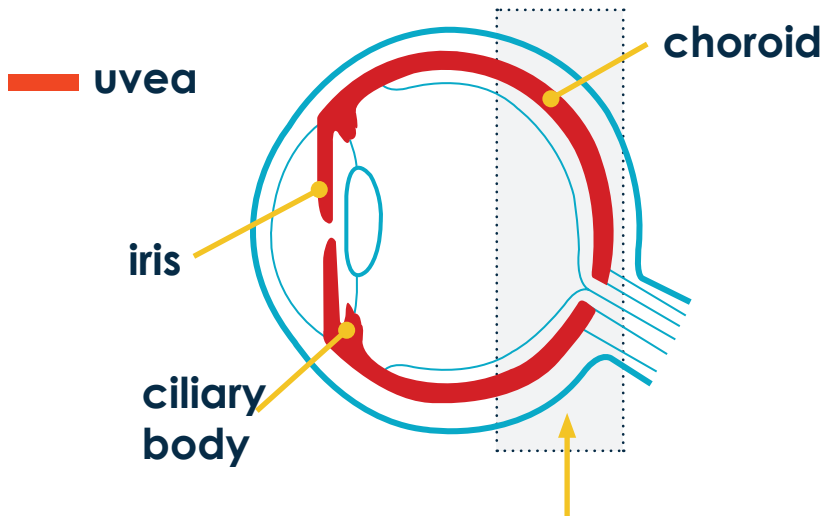
**YOU HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED
ILUVIEN TO HELP PREVENT THE
RECURRENCE OF NON-INFECTIOUS
UVEITIS AFFECTING THE BACK OF
YOUR EYE.**

WHAT IS

UVEITIS?

Uveitis is an eye condition which causes inflammation in a part of your eye called the uvea.

Your uvea is made up of three parts - the **iris**, the **ciliary body** and the **choroid**. It depends on which part of the uvea is affected as to which type of uveitis you have.



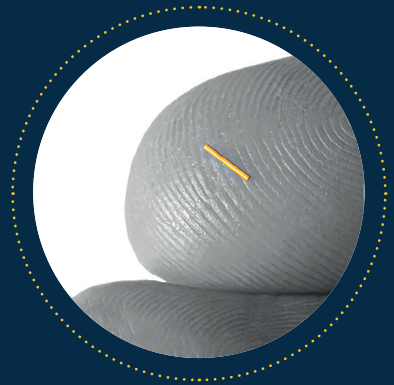
Area affected by posterior
(back of the eye) uveitis

WHAT IS

ILUVIEN?

ILUVIEN® is a tiny implant containing a steroid medicine called Fluocinolone Acetonide (FAc).

Once in the eye, the implant releases very small, continuous doses of the steroid, reducing the inflammation that builds up in the uvea, the middle layer of the eye. This can help to improve damaged vision or at the very least, help to prevent it from getting any worse.



How is ILUVIEN administered?

ILUVIEN is given as a single injection into one eye. Even if both eyes are affected by uveitis, ILUVIEN will only be administered into one eye initially.

Your eye specialist will discuss any subsequent treatments on your second eye with you, but be aware that the procedure may be months later.

How soon does it begin to work and how long does it last?

It is difficult to predict what improvement in vision you may get after the injection, you may see a change as early as one week after treatment or it may take some months. The implant is designed to release the steroid continuously for upto 3 years.

Are there any side effects?

As with all medicines, ILUVIEN can cause side effects, although you won't necessarily get them. The most common side effects associated with the eye include:

- Increased pressure inside the eye
- Floaters (floating spots in your vision)
- Cataract (a clouding of the eye's natural lens, which may require eye surgery to correct)
- Bleeding in the white part of your eye
- Bleeding on the inside of your eye
- Eye pain or irritation
- Reduced vision



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BEFORE YOUR TREATMENT

Your eye specialist will ask you about your health before they administer ILUVIEN to check that it's right for you.

It is important to tell them everything about your health, even if it's not related to your eyes or uveitis, as it may affect whether ILUVIEN is suitable for you or not.

What must you tell your doctor BEFORE treatment?

- If you think you might be allergic to fluocinolone acetonide, or any of the other ingredients in ILUVIEN (ask your eye specialist for more details)
- If you have an infection of any kind in or around your eye
- If you have been diagnosed with glaucoma, which is damage to the optic nerve that can be caused by an increase in pressure inside the eye
- If you are taking any medicines to thin the blood
- About any medication you are currently taking, have recently taken, or will take in the future (including non prescription medicines)
- If you have had a herpes simplex infection in your eye in the past (an ulcer on the eye that has been there a long time)
- If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or breast-feeding



RECEIVING YOUR TREATMENT

What should I expect during the procedure?

Before the injection, your eye will be washed thoroughly and antiseptic eye drops will be administered to minimise the risk of infection. You will also be given local anaesthetic drops to minimise any pain and discomfort.

An eye specialist will then administer ILUVIEN into your eye via a single injection. As the implant is being injected, you may feel some pressure on your eye.

How long will the procedure take?

The procedure will usually only take between 10 and 20 minutes.



AFTER YOUR TREATMENT

After the injection, your eye specialist may ask you to use antibiotic eye drops to prevent eye infections – make sure you follow their instructions carefully.

Please seek your eye specialist's advice on whether it is safe for you to drive immediately after the injection.

You may also experience some temporary blurred vision. If this happens **do not drive or operate machinery** until resolved.

What type of follow-up can I expect?

ILUVIEN has been shown to have a beneficial effect on vision for up to 3 years but an eye specialist will be able to advise on any further treatment should you require it.

Your healthcare team will schedule appointments to monitor your uveitis and check how ILUVIEN is working for you and your vision. It's really important you attend these appointments as they will need to monitor and check you for side effects you may not otherwise notice yourself.

What would happen if there was a complication?

It is possible that you may require eye surgery in these circumstances:

- If you develop cataracts
- If you develop high pressure in your eyes that cannot be controlled by medication

You MUST talk to your GP, eye specialist, pharmacist or nurse if you have any side effects, even if they are not included in this guide. It is especially important for you to contact your doctors straight away if you notice any of the following side effects after being given ILUVIEN:

- Increased eye pain or discomfort
- Worsening redness of your eye
- Flashing lights
- Sudden increase in floaters
- Partially blocked or impaired vision
- Increased sensitivity to light

Where else can you report side effects?

You can also report any side effects directly to:

HPRA Pharmacovigilance Earlsfort Terrace,
IRL - Dublin 2

Tel: +353 1 6762517

Website: www.hpra.ie

Email: medsafety@hpra.ie

ADDITIONAL

SUPPORT

& resources

To read more on the administration, precautions and potential side effects of ILUVIEN, you can download the official Patient Information Leaflet.

Simply scan the code below with the camera on your mobile phone or visit:
<https://www.medicines.ie/medicines/iluvien-190-micrograms-intravitreal-implant-in-applicator-34861/patient-info>



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Patient Information
Leaflet

For additional support and information
on uveitis please visit:



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www.fightingblindness.ie



www.birdshot.org.uk



www.oliviasvision.org



Working for People with Sight Loss

www.ncbi.ie

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COMMITMENT

Please sign and hand this contract to your healthcare provider.

Dr _____
and staff have explained the risks and benefits of ILUVIEN therapy for the treatment of non infectious uveitis affecting the posterior segment of my eye.

I _____
understand that I must comply with the monitoring requirements and follow up appointments as advised.

Patient signature
and date:

___ / ___ / ___

Doctor signature
and date:

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