

Emergency Macular Assessment Clinic (EMAC) at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital (MREH)

Your Optometrist has noticed something at the back of your eye which they have arranged for you to have looked at urgently. They are concerned you may have a sight threatening condition, which means you need to be reviewed quickly.

Once your urgent referral has been sent. You will either:

- Go to a local optometry practice for an OCT scan – which is an image of the back of your eyes. The Eye Care Navigation Service will telephone you to arrange this.

OR

- Go directly to MREH - the hospital will telephone you to arrange an urgent appointment. You can expect a phone call Monday-Friday 8:30-16:30.

When contacted, record your appointment details below:

Location, Date and time

MREH run clinics at 4 locations:

- Clinic J Macular treatment Centre, First Floor Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9WL
- Specialist Eye Clinic North, Unit 20, Cheetham Hill Shopping Centre, Manchester, M8 4DA
- Specialist Eye Clinic South, Unit 20, The Birtles, Civic Centre, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 5RF
- Macular Treatment Centre Trafford, Trafford General Hospital, Moorside Rd, Davyhulme, Manchester M41 5SL

If you have not heard within two working days from your Optometrist's referral, please call the Eye Care Navigation service: 0330 128 1599 or the hospital: **0161 701 2950** to chase up the appointment.

If you need an MREH appointment, this is what to expect:

- You will be asked some questions about your eyes
- Your vision will be measured
- Dilating drops will be put into your eyes, they will make your vision blurred.
- An image will be taken of your eyes, known as an OCT scan

If you need treatment, you may be offered this on the same day. A clinician will come and talk to you about the treatment, which is an injection to the eye.

If you don't need treatment on the day, you will be advised that you can leave the hospital and a clinician will review all this information. You will be sent a letter explaining what the scan has shown, what will happen next and if treatment is needed.

Please do not drive to this appointment – as the dilating drops will blur your vision for several hours.