

## Patient information

# **1984 Medical Retina Photographic Review Clinic**

Ophthalmology Department - Aintree Hospital

### **What is a photographic review clinic?**

This is a service provided by highly trained medical photographers and ophthalmic technicians.

### **Which tests are carried out?**

- LogMAR sight test
- Eye pressure check
- Photos and scans of the back of the eye (Your eyes will also be dilated).

### **Who attends this clinic?**

#### **Patients with:**

- Age-related macular degeneration.
- Diabetic-related eye conditions.
- Retinal vein occlusion.

### **Will I see a doctor today?**

No, but the results from the assessments you have received today will be reviewed within one week.

## **Will I ever see a doctor again?**

Yes.

There are several ways in which a patient can be reviewed within an ophthalmic department:

- By a Consultant or Doctor
- By an Ophthalmic Science Practitioner

## **Why does Aintree have diagnostic review clinic?**

This service helps to reduce appointment cancellations.

A doctor can see up to 12 patients in a traditional clinic setting. In a review clinic a consultant or doctor can review up to 20 patients' case notes.

This allows our service resources to go further and assist with the demands of our department.

As you do not have to wait to see the consultant or doctor, your visit is much quicker.

We aim to carry out all your assessments within one hour.

## **Is this service safe?**

Yes.

Age-related macular degeneration, diabetic-related eye conditions and vein occlusions require regular monitoring.

This can be carried out during a clinic session or review consultation.

Patients with diabetes have been safely screened photographically nationally for many years.

We also provide a similar service for our Glaucoma patients at Aintree.

### **What if my assessment looks different?**

The doctor who is reviewing your results may require you to attend clinic for a consultation or arrange for you to have further treatment of intra-vitreous injections or laser treatment.

If you require a change of treatment i.e. intra-vitreous drug or a different type of laser, then you will be notified by a clinic letter.

### **So I might need two visits?**

Yes, however most patients who are seen in a review clinic have already had previous treatment for their eyes and are aware that their treatment can be ongoing.

### **What about my test results?**

The consultant or doctor will write to your family doctor with their findings, informing them of when you require your next review or if further treatment is required.

If you have filled in a request form for a copy of your clinical letter then you will receive this too.

### **If I have any questions about my treatment who can I contact?**

You can contact the clinic retinal co-ordinator or your consultant's secretary.

**Retinal Co-ordinator:**  
**0151 529 0196**

**Secretaries through switchboard:**  
**0151 525 598**

## **Feedback**

Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future.

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

## **Further information**

**Retinal Co-ordinator:**  
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