

## FAQs

### Find answers to your frequently asked questions about BRVO.

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##### What is BRVO?

Branch retinal vein occlusion, or BRVO, is a condition that affects your eyesight and the sharpness of your vision. The major reason for vision loss in BRVO is swelling and thickening of the macula, a part of the retina in the back of the eye.

##### Is there a cure for BRVO?

Right now, there is no cure for BRVO, but treatments may help:

- Anti-VEGF treatments work on factors that contribute to BRVO
- Laser treatments may be used to try to reduce fluid build-up and prevent the growth of new blood vessels

##### How can I decrease my risk for BRVO?

There are some important things you can do to help lower your risk of BRVO. These include getting regular screenings for health conditions that contribute to BRVO, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Try to keep your blood pressure and cholesterol at normal levels by following your doctor's instructions and taking any medicines they prescribe. Also, try to live a healthy lifestyle by being active and eating healthy foods. If you smoke, try to quit.

##### How do I know if I have BRVO?

The signs of BRVO are often sudden and painless. Your vision may become blurry or have black spots. You may have complete loss of vision. Floaters (tiny dark spots that suddenly appear in your field of vision) can also be a sign of BRVO.

##### What is an eye care specialist and how do I find one?

Eye care specialists include ophthalmologists and retina specialists, doctors who are highly trained in diseases of the eye and BRVO. He/she can help diagnose and recommend treatment for BRVO and can be a valuable resource by providing information and answering your questions. If you think you need to see an eye care specialist, talk to your doctor or optometrist about getting a referral.