

FAQs

Find answers to your frequently asked questions about wet CRVO.

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What is CRVO?

Central retinal vein occlusion, or CRVO, is a condition that leads to a number of complications that can affect your eyesight and the sharpness or clarity of your vision. The major cause of vision loss in CRVO is related to swelling and thickening of the macula, a part of the retina in the back of the eye. This is caused by the accumulation of fluid from leaky blood vessels.

Is there a cure for CRVO?

Currently, there is no cure for CRVO. However there are effective treatments available. These include anti-VEGF treatment that attacks factors that contribute to CRVO, corticosteroid treatments that reduce the swelling of the macula and laser photocoagulation.

How can I decrease my risk for CRVO?

There are several important things you can do to help reduce your risk of CRVO. These include getting regular screenings for health conditions that contribute to CRVO, including your blood pressure, your blood vessels and circulation, glaucoma check-ups and keeping your blood pressure and your cholesterol levels in a healthy range by following your doctor's instructions and taking any medications he or she recommends as prescribed.

How do I know if I have CRVO?

The symptoms of CRVO are often sudden and painless and may include blurriness, distorted, warped, or wavy vision, or even a complete loss of vision. Floaters, tiny dark spots that suddenly appear in your field of vision, can also be a sign of CRVO.

How can I find support for CRVO?

There are many organizations prepared to help people looking for support for CRVO. Some national organizations may host events in or near your area that you can attend and others may even have a local branch that you can consult for support.

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 CRVO. He/she can help diagnose and recommend treatment for CRVO 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.