

## Surgery – Ophthalmology – Vitrectomy Surgery

### Introduction

Your Ophthalmologist (Eye Doctor) has listed you for a Vitrectomy

### Guidance for Patients

A vitrectomy is an operation to remove the vitreous humour, the transparent jelly, from inside your eye. The vitreous is behind the iris (colored part of your eye) and the lens, and is front of the retina.

A vitrectomy may be required for several reasons:

Retinal detachment

Macular hole

Diabetic vitreous hemorrhage (bleeding)

Removal of foreign body within the eye (Intraocular)

Removal of membranes (scar tissue) from the retina

Endophthalmitis (a serious eye infection)

Following complicated cataract surgery where there are residual lens fragments that needs retrieving.

The eye doctor will discuss the surgery including the risks and benefits with you at your appointment in eye clinic.

### What should I do if my vision is deteriorating?

If you feel your vision is getting worse please contact the triage nurse on 0151 552 1830. This is available 8:30am – 16:30pm, Monday – Friday. If you have a sudden drop in vision please contact your optician or Accident & Emergency outside these hours.

### Contact Us

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