

**Ozurdex**<sup>®</sup>  
(dexamethasone intravitreal  
implant) 0.7 mg

## **MACULAR EDEMA FOLLOWING BRANCH OR CENTRAL RETINAL VEIN OCCLUSION (RVO) AND TREATMENT WITH OZURDEX<sup>®</sup>**



### **Approved Use**

OZURDEX<sup>®</sup> (dexamethasone intravitreal implant) is a prescription medicine that is an implant injected into the eye (vitreous) and used to treat adults with swelling of the macula (macular edema) following branch retinal vein occlusion (BRVO) or central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO).

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

#### **When Not to Use OZURDEX<sup>®</sup>**

OZURDEX<sup>®</sup> should not be used if you have any infections in or around the eyes, including most viral diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva, including active herpes viral infection of the eye, vaccinia, varicella, mycobacterial infections, and fungal diseases.

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# HOW CAN RVO AFFECT MY EYES?

- Affects about

**ONE**



**OUT OF EVERY  
100  
people in a  
5-year period**

- More likely in people



**MIDDLE-AGED and OLDER**



**2<sup>ND</sup> MOST COMMON CAUSE**

**of potential visual loss due to retinal blood vessel disease**

If you have certain health conditions, your risk of branch retinal vein occlusion (BRVO) or central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO) can be higher. These conditions include:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Diabetes mellitus
- Glaucoma

RVO can recur, so it's important to manage your overall health as well as your eye health to help reduce your risk of losing vision

- Get treatment promptly for vision problems
- Continue regular eye exams

- **Take care** of your overall health

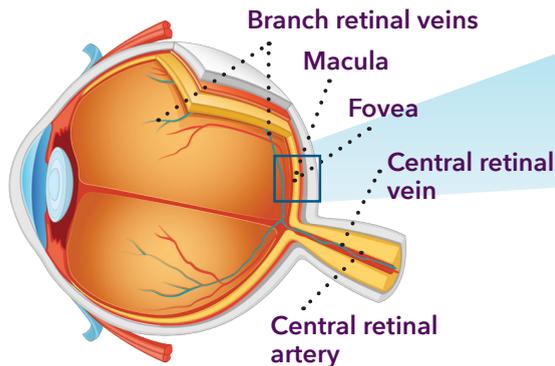


## WHAT IS RVO?

Blood circulating through the retina leaves the eye by draining into the retinal vein

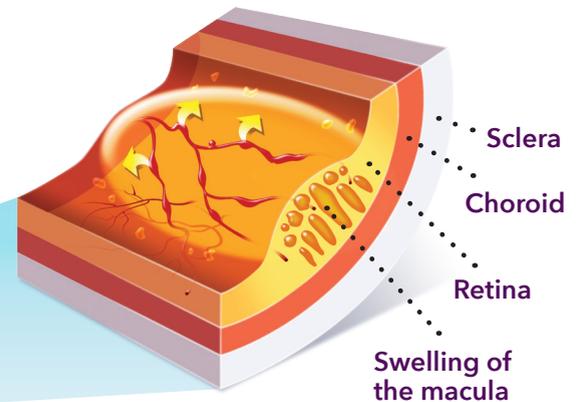
- A retinal vein occlusion is a blockage that prevents normal blood flow out of the eye
- A blockage may affect the main vein leaving the eye (CRVO) or one of the smaller, branch veins that lead to the main vein (BRVO)

**Macular edema** occurs when fluid leaks from damaged blood vessels, causing the macula to swell.



This may be caused by:

- A blood clot
- Compression from a retinal artery
- Diseases that affect blood vessels, such as
  - Diabetes
  - High eye pressure (glaucoma)
  - High blood pressure
  - Hardening of the arteries (arteriosclerosis)



**The macula** is the center of the retina and is responsible for sharp, central vision.

**Untreated RVO can potentially lead to permanent vision impairment**

## HOW CAN RVO AFFECT MY VISION?

Sudden blurring or vision loss in all or part of one eye are most common.



Blurry vision



Floaters



Vision loss

These images are depictions only. Actual visual symptoms vary for individuals.

- For some patients, the vision loss may last for a few seconds or minutes or may be permanent
- The amount of blurring or vision loss depends on how much damage to the retina has occurred

Swelling due to RVO can cause your vision to change slowly, so you might not even notice any symptoms. It's important to get your eyes checked regularly as recommended by your doctor.

### What can you do to prevent or delay loss of vision due to macular edema following RVO?



Good management of any health conditions, like diabetes, hypertension, and/or glaucoma



Regular eye exams



Appropriate follow-up

## WHAT IS VISUAL ACUITY AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO RVO?

Visual acuity is the sharpness of your vision. It is measured by the ability to read letters on an eye chart. What you can see on the eye chart from 20 feet away is recorded as a number.

E	1	20/200
F P	2	20/100
T O Z	3	20/70
L P E D	4	20/50
P E C F D	5	<b>20/40</b>
E D F C Z P	6	20/30
F E L O P Z D	7	20/25
D E F P O T E C	8	<b>20/20</b>
L E F O D P C T	9	
F D P L T C E O	10	
F E Z O L C F T D	11	

A TYPICAL EYE CHART

You might have heard people refer to **20/20 vision** as “perfect vision.” In fact, a person with 20/20 vision can see what an average person sees on an eye chart when standing 20 feet away.

Likewise, **20/40 vision** means that, when standing 20 feet away, the person can see as well as an average person standing 40 feet away. On the eye chart to the left, this means a person with 20/40 vision can read the letters in the line labeled 20/40 and above, but not the letters below.

- As vision worsens, the second number increases
- In 46 states, you need at least 20/40 vision to obtain a driver’s license

**Macular edema following BRVO or CRVO can worsen your visual acuity, but treatment may help improve it.**



## HOW WILL MY RVO BE TREATED?

### There are several treatment options for RVO



Your doctor will determine which is most appropriate for you and your RVO. These options include:

- Laser treatment
- Anti-VEGF injections into the eye
- Steroid injections into the eye
  - One type is an anti-inflammatory injection, like OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant)

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) When Not to Use OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant) (continued)

OZURDEX® should not be used if you have glaucoma that has progressed to a cup-to-disc ratio of greater than 0.8.

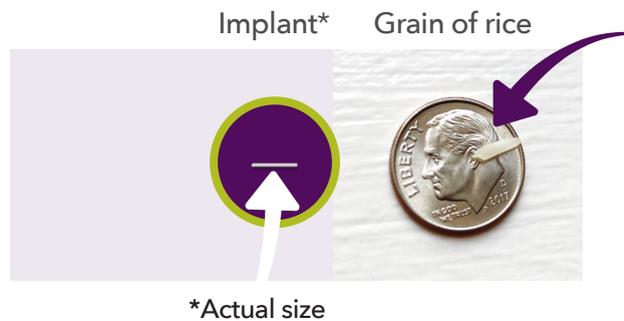
OZURDEX® should not be used if you have a posterior lens capsule that is torn or ruptured.

OZURDEX® should not be used if you are allergic to any of its ingredients.

### What is OZURDEX®?

OZURDEX® is a tiny implant that releases an anti-inflammatory agent (a corticosteroid) called dexamethasone and is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat adults with macular edema following BRVO or CRVO. It can help reduce inflammation in your retina and swelling in the macula. It is injected into the back of the eye, with minimal absorption into your body. Your doctor will decide when and if a reinjection of OZURDEX® is needed.

### OZURDEX® IMPLANT SIZE COMPARISON



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# HOW WILL OZURDEX® WORK INSIDE MY EYE?

**OZURDEX® will be injected into the vitreous cavity in the back of your eye.**

## OZURDEX® treatment



- Can help improve visual acuity (sharpness of vision)

## The implant dissolves



- Medication is slowly released over time as OZURDEX® dissolves

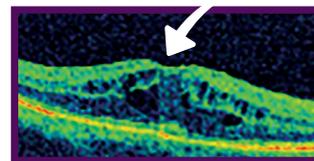


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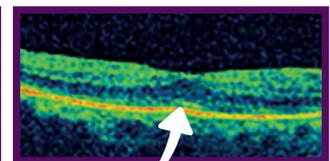
- In two 6-month clinical trials with BRVO and CRVO patients, 427 received OZURDEX® and 426 received sham (control) treatment
- Patients treated with OZURDEX® achieved  $\geq 15$  letters (3 lines) of vision on an eye chart significantly faster than control-treated patients
- About 20% to 30% of those who received OZURDEX® gained  $\geq 15$  letters of vision on an eye chart within 1 to 2 months, compared to 7% to 12% of control-treated patients
- Once vision had improved, the improvement lasted approximately 1 to 3 months
- Your own individual results may vary; talk to your doctor

### SWOLLEN MACULA



A scan of a retina with macular edema following RVO

### DECREASED SWELLING OF THE MACULA



After treatment with OZURDEX®

# WHAT CAN I EXPECT WITH THE OZURDEX® PROCEDURE?

## Before

- Speak with your doctor about any questions/concerns you may have
- Arrange to have somebody take you to and from your appointment
- Create a list of all the prescription and over-the-counter medications you take

## During

- The injection of OZURDEX® will only take a few moments
- You will be awake
- Your doctor will clean and numb the surface of the eye
- Your doctor will inject OZURDEX® using a special applicator that's about the size of a pen
- During the injection you may feel pressure on the eye
- You may then hear a click when your doctor presses the button that releases the OZURDEX® implant into your eye

## After

- Your doctor will check your eye, and then you will be ready to go home
- Over time, check for an improvement in your vision. Your individual results may vary
- If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, please contact your eye doctor immediately
- You may experience temporary visual blurring after receiving an intravitreal injection. Do not drive or use machines until this has been resolved

**Be sure to follow your doctor's instructions following the procedure.**

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) Warnings and Precautions**

Injections into the vitreous in the eye, including those with OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant), are associated with serious eye infection (endophthalmitis), eye inflammation, increased eye pressure, and retinal detachments.

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## WHAT SIDE EFFECTS CAN HAPPEN WITH OZURDEX®?

### **OZURDEX® can cause cloudiness of the lens that can lead to a cataract.**

- A cataract could form if you have multiple treatments with OZURDEX®
- If that happens, your vision may decrease, and you will need a procedure to remove the cataract and restore your vision
  - Ask your doctor about cataract surgery. About 3.8 million surgeries are performed in the United States every year
- In clinical trials, after 1 injection, cataracts developed in about 7.3% out of 423 OZURDEX® patients and 4.5% out of 422 sham (control)-treated patients

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) Warnings and Precautions (continued)**

Your eye doctor should monitor you regularly after the injection. Use of corticosteroids including OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant) may produce posterior subcapsular cataracts, increased eye pressure, glaucoma, and may increase the establishment of secondary eye infections due to bacteria, fungi, or viruses.

### **OZURDEX® can also cause your eye pressure to increase.**

- Your doctor will monitor your eye pressure
- If there is an increase in eye pressure, then your doctor may prescribe you an eye drop that will need to be used daily
- In rare cases, the increase in eye pressure may require surgery. In most cases, the prescription eye drops will take care of the increased pressure
- In clinical trials, increased eye pressure occurred in about 4% of 421 OZURDEX® patients and 0.7% of 423 sham (control)-treated patients

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) Warnings and Precautions (continued)**

Let your doctor know if you have a history of ocular herpes simplex as corticosteroids are not recommended in these patients.

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# WHAT PATIENT ASSISTANCE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

## How can I save on OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant) treatment?

AbbVie is committed to helping patients gain access to and afford treatments. There are cost-savings opportunities available for OZURDEX®.

If you have commercial insurance and meet other eligibility requirements, you can pay as little as \$0 for OZURDEX®.

**Ask your doctor if you qualify. If you are eligible, your doctor will enroll you.**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) Common Side Effects in Retinal Vein Occlusion

The most common side effects reported include: increased eye pressure, conjunctival blood spot, eye pain, eye redness, ocular hypertension, cataract, vitreous detachment, and headache.

### Patient Counseling Information

After repeated injections with OZURDEX® (dexamethasone intravitreal implant), a cataract may occur. If this occurs, your vision will decrease and you will need an operation to remove the cataract and restore your vision. You may develop increased eye pressure with OZURDEX® that will need to be managed with eye drops, and rarely, with surgery.

## Will my insurance cover OZURDEX®?

Ask your doctor's office to verify coverage through your specific insurance carrier.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (continued) Patient Counseling Information (continued)

In the days following injection with OZURDEX®, you may be at risk for potential complications including in particular, but not limited to, the development of serious eye infection or increased eye pressure. If your eye becomes red, sensitive to light, painful, or develops a change in vision, you should seek immediate care from your eye doctor. You may experience temporary visual blurring after receiving an injection and should not drive or use machinery until your vision has resolved.

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