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Canadian Retina Society ocular safety and therapeutics update: hemorrhagic occlusive retinal vasculitis



On behalf of the Canadian Retina Society (CRS), we are writing to you regarding an important safety concern with the use of intracameral vancomycin. Recently, there have been several cases of postoperative hemorrhagic occlusive retinal vasculitis (HORV) that have emerged both in Canada and in the United States after uncomplicated cataract surgery after intracameral vancomycin injection. These cases represent eyes that appear normal during the early postoperative period (up to 14 days) and subsequently develop a progressive painless loss of vision.¹ Diffuse ischemia, significant retinal hemorrhaging, and retinal vasculitis are the hallmarks of this condition. Several bilateral cases have been also reported. The CRS is working to learn more about the prevalence and severity

of this entity by collecting data on reported cases nationwide to be included for publication. If your readers have a case of HORV, we encourage you to share it with the CRS at crssafteycc@gmail.com and participate in the authorship of this report.

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