



## **Patient Experiences with MACUGEN® (pegaptanib sodium injection)**

The testimonials listed below are from real patients who took part in a clinical study of MACUGEN.

Their statements reflect their own personal experiences and do not necessarily reflect what your experiences may be with MACUGEN. Not all people respond the same, so individual results may vary. MACUGEN cannot stop wet AMD, but it may help you preserve your vision longer by slowing vision loss.

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### **What MACUGEN patients have said about their commitment to treatment:**

#### **Charlotte W. was nervous at first about the injection procedure:**

“I was, of course, very apprehensive about it. But it becomes easier for me each time I go in. I’m not as apprehensive.”

“I was so grateful when I was able to take MACUGEN!”

#### **Nancy S. on her commitment to MACUGEN treatment:**

“I felt, well, if there is something they can do, I will try. As long as I can do it, I will do it. And that’s what I did.” She was also anxious about the injection procedure. “When I first went to get the injection, I was scared. But it is the thought of it, rather than the actual injection.”

#### **Ron M. says about the onset of disease:**

“I noticed when I was working that my vision was getting a little blurry. When I was diagnosed, I had no idea how serious it was and how quickly one can lose his or her vision.”

Ron speaks about his treatment with MACUGEN:

“The timing was real fortunate, MACUGEN was coming on the market. I would walk barefoot from Phoenix to Tucson if it meant keeping my vision.”



WATCH THIS VIDEO for more information about wet AMD and your treatment with MACUGEN.

Learn more about the experiences of MACUGEN patients.

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### **An International Patient Perspective:**

**Jesse J., from Belgium, is a patient with wet AMD. He describes his experience with MACUGEN:**

“I went to the Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven, Belgium, and met with Dr. Anita Leys, who told me they were starting clinical trials on a new drug for wet AMD called MACUGEN (pegaptanib sodium injection). This would involve an injection in the eye every six weeks for one year and, thereafter, one year of control and monitoring. I agreed to take part.”

“The disease progression has now slowed (as I write this in May 2006), and the vision in my right eye has improved by 5%, which means I have a visual acuity level of 40%. It may not sound like much, but it means a hell of a lot to me.”

Learn more ABOUT MACUGEN

To listen to the full prescribing information regarding MACUGEN, please click on the link entitled "Important Safety Information" on the menu bar located on the left of the screen.

MACUGEN is approved to treat wet age-related macular degeneration. It is available by prescription only.

Not all people respond the same to MACUGEN, so individual results may vary. The safety or efficacy of MACUGEN has not been proven beyond 2 years.

### **Important safety information**

With MACUGEN, you may have some side effects, mostly in the eye and due to the injection procedure. The most common side effects are burning sensation, eye pain, redness, light sensitivity, vision loss, blurred vision, visual disturbances, high blood pressure, and cataract. For a complete list of side effects, please ask your doctor or see the prescribing information.



You should not receive MACUGEN if you have an infection in or around your eye or if you are hypersensitive (allergic) to pegaptanib sodium or any of the other ingredients.

A serious eye infection can sometimes develop after an injection into the eye. Signs of a serious infection may include eye pain, light sensitivity, and/or vision changes. Check with a retinal physician immediately if you experience any of these symptoms, so you can be treated early if an infection occurs.

Eye injections like those with MACUGEN can increase eye pressure. This is something you would not notice; however, your retinal physician may do some extra tests after your injection to make sure there are no complications.

In rare cases, allergic reactions have been known to occur. Tell your retinal physician about any known allergies.

Please follow your retinal physician's recommendations for your therapy. If you have any questions about MACUGEN, ask your retinal physician.

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