

ROYAL VICTORIA EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL

INFORMATION PACKAGE FOR GPS

A&E Service and procedure for requesting OPD appointments

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Ophthalmology Services in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital:

The Ophthalmic A/E Department in RVEEH provides a service for patients with emergencies or acute eye problems. Patients are advised to attend their GP for initial assessment who can then refer them in if necessary.

After 5 pm there is an on call team available to see genuine emergencies only and it is advisable to first ring to discuss cases. The on call doctor can give advice regarding the most appropriate care pathway for the patient.

Ophthalmology A+E Hours of Service: MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9a.m. to 5p.m.

24 hour, 7 days a week, acute emergency service. In the case of out of hours attendances please phone the department prior to attending.

Non-emergency referrals need to be directed by fax or mail ONLY to the OPD Department so a timely appointment can be arranged.

Please use the designated RVEEH referral forms, available to download on the website. Patients should not be advised to hand deliver the letters or to hand them in to A/E as this does not expediate their appropriate OPD appointment and only leads to increased waiting times for patients with genuine acute eye problems. Any queries regarding the above – please contact the GP liaison Nurse for advice. For further details: see GP liaison page.

Community Based Primary Care Clinics.

There are a number of Primary Eye Clinics for all medical eye conditions and minor surgical procedures who accept patients with Medical Cards **directly** for assessment. In the local area these include: Dr Anne Early **Naas**: 045 876480

Dr Kevin Tempany Medical Eye Centre: Ranelagh – 01 4986921; Naas: 045 881000

Dr Gary Treacy Bray: 01 2828065; Fairview: 01 8057076.

A full list of nationwide clinics is available on our website rveeh.ie

National Optometry Centre at DIT Kevin Street – available for vision assessment for volunteer patients for free.

Childrens' services: Children with non-urgent conditions may be referred but those requiring urgent intervention and <u>all</u> children aged 3 and under should be referred to paediatric Hospital. Audiology Service not available via A/E (Except in sudden sensory neural loss)

Other Services: Ear Syringing/irrigation -no direct access to Irrigation Clinic, access via A&E but GP should advise softening of wax with olive oil for several days before referral. Ear Syringing /Irrigation Courses for GP Nurses held at RVEEH for details or email elspeth.finlay@rveeh.ie

Otitis Externa review clinic – no direct access as yet, access presently via A&E only.



ENT A&E SERVICE

ENT A+E Hours of Service: MONDAY TO FRIDAY – 9a.m. to 4p.m.

NO SERVICE AT WEEKENDS OR BANK HOLIDAYS - patients must be referred to nearest General Hospital.

USEFUL NUMBERS

 HSE Hearing Service/Audiology Service for adults and children. North Great Georges Street,

Dublin 7. Ph: 01-8747726 Fax: 01-8747792 <a href="mailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:emailto:email

- National Association for deaf and hard of hearing people. Ph: 01-8723800 or info@deaf.ie (both provide Audiology service).
- Sister Lydia Slattery Marian Hearing Centre Ratoath Road Cabra Dublin 7. Sr Lydia takes
 referrals for Hearing assessment on babies and children up to aged 18 years, Phone/Fax
 8684004 This service is not currently available. Sr. Lydia has retired. It is hoped the service
 will be resumed when she is replaced
- Tinnitus Association 01-8723800
- Further support group information on our web site rveeh.ie



G.P. LIAISON SERVICE FOR ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY

CONTACT DETAILS: Dolores Boylan GP Liaison Nurse Manager

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10am- 4.15pm

Phone: Mobile: 086 8520846, Fax: 01 6343647 A/E: 01 7088535

Email dolores.boylan@rveeh.ie

Outside the above hours the Nurse in charge in the A/E department will take <u>emergency</u> queries.

Our GP Liaison Service was set up to improve communications and provide a **Direct Link** between A&E Department and GP's and other Primary care providers.

GP's should contact GP Liaison Nurse if you have concerns regarding a patient you are referring, or any patient who has already attended the A&E Department. **The GPLN will provide a link to an A&E Doctor if necessary.**

A+E REFERRAL LETTERS:

GP's please use our Referral forms available to download from our website. Emergency Patients only to be given letter in hand to present in A/E. Please be advised that non-emergency referrals are to be directed to our OPD appointments department.

OPD REFERRAL LETTERS:

PLEASE POST OR FAX REFERRAL LETTERS TO OPD
PLEASE DO NOT GIVE OPD LETTERS TO PATIENTS TO HAND DELIVER AS THESE PATIENTS
USUALLY END UP IN A/E DEPARTMENT.

Always remember that there are **Community based Primary Care Eye Clinic** for all Medical Eye Conditions and minor surgical procedures accepting Medical Cards in Dublin in Ranelagh, Bray, Fairview and Naas. Contact Dr. Kevin Tempany Medical Eye Centre **Ranelagh** Phone: 01- 4986921 **NAAS**, Phone: 045 881000

or Dr Garry Tracy Bray and Fairview. Phone Bray: 01 2828065. Fairview: 01 8057076

National Optometry Centre at DIT Kevin Street are always looking for volunteer patients who they will sight test and Eye Examination for free. Phone: 4024900



A&E patients can be referred back for follow up in their local area to see the following ophthalmologists

PATIENTS MUST BRING MEDICAL CARD OR VHI CARD

Private Ophthalmologists in pilot scheme taking medical card patients

Dr. Garry Treacy	BRAY Medical Optics, 2-3 Castle Street Bray	Ph: 2828065 Fax: 2828358
	And	
	Medical Optics, 19 Fairview, D3.	01 8057076
Dr Kevin Tempany	NAAS The Medical Eye Centre 3 North Main Street	Ph: 045 88100 Fax: 045 889018
	And	Ph: 4986920
	RANELAGH Ranelagh Eye Centre	Fax: 4986921

Ph: 09064 72069

Fax: 09064 75153

Ph: 021 4276524

Fax: 021 4851379

22-26 Sandford Road

Ranelagh Dublin 6

ATHLONE

Verelands,

CORK

Cork

Garden Vale, Athlone.

5-6 Lavitts Quay

Dr John Keane

Dr. John M. Traynor



ENT CONSULTANTS RVEEH	
CONSULTANT	SPECIALIST INTEREST
Mr. David Charles FRCS FRCSI	Otology
Prof. Angus Curran MC, FRCS (ORL HNS)	Head & Neck Surgery
Prof. Conrad Timon MB, FRCSI, FRCSORL, DMMD, MD	Head & Neck/Thyroid Surgery
Mr. Stephen Hone M.Ch, MRCPI, FRCSI (ORL)	Paediatrics/Otology
Ms Tara Mackel	



ENT CONSULTANT PRIVATE ROOM DETAILS				
ENT CONSULTANT	ADDRESS	TEL	FAX	
Mr. David Charles FRCS FRCSI	Charlemont Clinic Charlemont Mall Dublin 2	01-4188438	01-4188487	
Prof. Angus Curran MC, FRCS (ORL HNS)	Mespil House 37 Adelaide Road Dublin 2	01-2315275	01-2315202	
Prof. Conrad Timon MB. FRCSI, FRCSORL, DMMD, MD	The Hermitage Clinic, Lucan, Co. Dublin	01-6459635	01-6459636	
	Blackrock Private Clinic, Rock Road, Dublin 18	01-2780150		
Mr. Stephen Hone M.Ch, MRCPI, FRCSI (ORL)	Northbrook Clinic Ranelagh Dublin 6	01-4967111	01-6455947	
	Hermitage Medical Clinic, Lucan	01-6459545		
Ms. Mona Thornton MBBch, BAOI, FRCSI (ORL)	St. Michael's Private Clinic 7 Charlemount Ave., Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin	01-2808521		



HSE PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE - AUDIOLOGY SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

The objective of the Audiology service is to provide people with a hearing impairment with amplification devices, advice and information to enable them to overcome or reduce the effects of their hearing impairment.

REFERRALS

a) Adults

Eligibility for the adult service is restricted to those who hold medical cards. Referrals are received from medical practitioners and it is essential that each patient should receive a full medical examination prior to being referred. In either case, the referral to the hearing service should be especially for the fitting of the hearing aid. It is not the policy to accept referrals for other types of Audiological assessment or for legal purposes.

In the case of students who are attending third level education they retain their eligibility provided that they have Student ID card or proof of eligibility.

b) Children

The Audiology service for children is available to all regardless of financial circumstances. All children are eligible for this service from birth until they complete their full-time education. Parental consent is necessary before a child is referred to the Audiology Service. Referrals are accepted from medical practitioners and children should have had a medical examination prior to being referred to the service.

SERVICE PROVIDED

- Hearing test
- Fitting of hearing Aid
- Review in order to ensure that they are coping well with the hearing aid and benefiting from it. In the case of children this also includes monitoring the progress of speech and language and school progress.



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OUTREACH CLINICS

Outreach clinics may take place in hospitals, nursing homes, old people center's and in the patient's home. It is the policy of the National Audiology Service to provide outreach clinics where the person with the hearing impairment is unable to attend an Audiology centre. The request for the visit should come from a medical practitioner who can certify that the person has a disability that prevents them from attending the Audiology centre. In the case of elderly people in long-term care, a request from the medical officer is sufficient. Where a visit to the patient's home is requested, a standard form should be completed including details of how to locate the home of the patient.

Currently clinics are provided in the following locations:

- North Great Georges Street
- Tallaght
- Sandymount
- Newbridge
- □ Arklow
- Wicklow
- □ Bray

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

The technical department provide a repair service for the aids that are provided by our clinicians. This is a nationwide using the latest technologies. There is a walk-in service between the hours of 09.30 – 12.30 and 14.00 – 16.30 in North Great Georges Street and a postal service is also available to the clients.

For further information contact:

Hearing Service, LHO (Dublin North Central) Primary & Community care Directorate, Dublin / North East Area, 44 North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1

Ph: (01)8747726 / 8747727 / 8747728 Fax (01) 8747792



EYE CLINICS RVEEH:

MONDAY:

Mr Conor Murphy Anterior Segment, 9-11AM

Mr Paul O'Brien, General 9-10:30AM

Mr Noel Horgan, Medical Retina A.M., Ocular Oncology P.M.

Mr Kilmartin, Retinal clinic alternate Mondays, 9-11 AM

Mr Barry, Retinal Clinic, 12:30-1pm

Mr Moriarity, Orbital Clinic, 1:30-3pm

Prof L. Cassidy, Occuplastic clinic, 1.30-2.30pm

Mr Brosnahan, Paediatric, 1:30 - 3pm

Dr A Hogan A+E review clinic

TUESDAY:

Dr Doyle, Glaucoma, 9-10.30am

Mr O'Connor, 9-11am and 2-2.30 am

Mr Brosnahan, Paediatric, 9-11 am

Mr Cahill, Retina/AMD clinic, 1-2.30 pm

Ms Amanda Collum, 9am - 10:30am

Mr Paul Moriarty, 1:30pm - 3pm

WEDNESDAY:

Dr. Doyle, Glaucoma clinic, 9-10:30am

Mr Conor Murphy, Corneal am, General pm

Mr. Moriarity, Occuplastic, 9-11am

Prof. Cassidy, Occuplastic and Neuro, 1-2.30pm (last Weds of month neurology clinic)

Mr Donal O'Malley, Contact lens, 1.30-2.30pm

Mr Cahill, Retina/AMD/Uveitis clinic,1-2.30pm

Dr Denise Curtin, A&E Direct Referral clinic, 8:30 – 10:30

Dr A Hogan A+E review clinic

THURSDAY:

Mr. Power, Corneal clinic, 9-11am

Mr. Barry, Retina clinic, 8.30-9.00am

Mr. Power, Corneal clinic, am and pm

Mr. Moriarty, Botox clinic, 1-2pm (twice a month)

Mr. Kilmartin, Retina/uveitis clinic, 1-2.30pm

FRIDAY:

Dr. Curtin, General Clinic, 9-10.30am

Mr Cahill, Retina/AMD, 9-11am



CONSULTANT OPHTHALMIC SURGEONS PRIVATE CLINICS

CONSULTANT	ADDRESS	TEL	FAX	PRIVATE ROOM TIMES
Mr. Peter Barry FRCS	The Eye Clinic 33 Herbert Avenue Dublin 4	01 2837203	01 2838229	Mon 3.30-5pm Wed 9-12.30pm Thurs 1.30-5pm
Mr. Donal Brosnahan M M.B. DCH. FRCS Ed. F.R.C. Ophth.	Building 35 Charlemont Clinic Charlemont Mall Dublin 2	01 4188421	01 4188425	Tues 12-5.30pm Wed 12-5030pm
Mr. Mark Cahill	The Beacon Clinic Suite 20 & 21 Beacon Court Sandyford Dublin 18	01 2135652	01 2135653	
Prof. Lorraine Cassidy M.B. D.O. FRCSI FRC Ophth. (U.K)	14 Terenure Road East Rathgar Dublin 6	01 4909322 Mb: 0876504099	01 4924136	Thurs 9-1pm Tallaght Hosp Alternate Tues PMs rooms Alternate Fri 9-1pm Private Rooms
Mr. Dara Kilmartin Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon	The Beacon Clinic Suite 20 & 21 Beacon Court Sandyford Dublin 18	01 2135651	01 2135653	Alternate Mon pm Tues am
Mr. Paul Moriarty, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon	Suite 23 Charlemont Clinic Charlemont Mall Dublin 2	01 4188442	01 4781771	



CONSULTANT OPHTHALMIC SURGEONS PRIVATE CLINICS

CONSULTANT	ADDRESS	TEL	FAX	PRIVATE ROOM TIMES
Mr. Martin O'Connor FRCSI	Suite 7 Charlemont Clinic Charlemont Mall Dublin 2	01 4188435	01 4188459	Mon am Thurs all day Fri am
Mr. William Power J. MCh MRCPI FRCS (Glasg.) FRCOphth DO	Blackrock Clinic, Rock Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin St. Vincents	Blackrock 01 2787038 ivisionItd@gmail.com	Blackrock 01 2831033	
	Hospital Elm Park, Dublin 4	St Vincents 01 2694533	01 2608254	
Miss. Aoife Doyle	Building 35 Charlemount Clinic Dublin 2	01 4188427	01 4188425	
Dr Rizwana Khan	Hermitage Medical Clinic	01 6459542	01 6459543	
Professor Conor Murphy Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon	RVEEH Private Clinic, Adelaide Rd, Dublin 2	086 7839202	01 6343635	Friday PM
Mr Noel Horgan, Medical Retina / Ocular Oncology	St Vincents Private Hospital	01 2638826		



Medical Ophthalmologists Private Clinics				
CONSULTANT	ADDRESS	TEL	FAX	PRIVATE ROOM TIMES
Dr Aideen Hogan MRCOpth, FRCSI	Eye clinic Blackrock Clinic, Rock Rd, Blackrock, Co Dublin.	1800 601060 01 6459541		
	Suite 7 Hermitage Medical Clinic, Old Lucan Road. D 20.	01 6459541		
	Sure 20/21 Beacon Cons Clinic, Sandyford, D 8.	01 6459541	01-6459543	Tue wed Fri
Dr Amanda Collum	55 Adelaide rd. D2.	01 6761564	01-6612435	
Dr Anne Early MB DO MRCOphth	Blessington Rd, Naas, Co Kildare.	045 876480 087 2657000		



GP REFERRAL TO CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST CHALAZION CLINIC

A chalazion is a condition in which an obstructed meibomian gland causes a granuloma within the tarsal plate.

Symptoms

Acute or chronic eyelid lump.

Swelling, pain, tenderness, erythema of eyelid.

Signs

Visible or palpable well-defined subcutaneous nodule in the eyelid.

Treatment

If associated with blepharitis instruct patient re lid hygiene.

Warm compress to eyelid with massage three times a day.

Fucidic Acid 1% drops B.D. for one week or alternatively Chloromycetin BD for one week.

If the chalazion has not resolved two weeks after completing treatment patient may be referred for incision and curettage.

Referral

Suitable patients to be referred to CNS chalazion clinic in A&E dept.

Contact GP Liaison Nurse and fax in referral letter.

086 8520846 fax 01 6343647

Patient will be contacted with appointment.

If not suitable for CNS clinic – refer to OPD as usual.

Eligibility

The following referrals will **not** be accepted in the CNS chalazion clinic:

- Patients on Warfarin, Asprin or Plavix.
- •Patients under 16 years of age.
- •Recurrent chalazia at the same site.
- Chalazion in close proximity of the tear duct.
- Chalaxion on the lid margin.
- Ulcerated lid lesions.
- Lesions outside the lid area.



OUT-PATIENT APPOINTMENT PROCESS

1. OPD REFERRAL LETTERS: PLEASE POST OR FAX REFERRAL LETTERS TO OPD OPD REFERRAL LETTERS CANNOT BE HAND DELIVERED BY PATIENT.

Referral templates are available at rveeh.ie for download. A separate template for each speciality

- 2. LETTER SHOULD BE <u>LEGIBLE</u> AND DETAILED Please ensure that name, address, D.O.B and contact telephone numbers are included.
- 3. Please include the following:
 - o FULL DETAILS OF PATIENTS CONDITION
 - LIST OF MEDICATIONS
 - PAST RELEVENT MEDICAL HISTORY
 - PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE AT EYE AND EAR AND WHICH CONSULTANT.
 - o PATIENT DETAILS WILL BE ENTERED ON HOSPITAL DATA BASE.
- 4. YOUR REFERRAL LETTER WILL BE ASSESSED All referral letters are assessed by a member of the medical team / Consultant and a category of urgency is applied depending on the level of information stated on the letter. Please make sure that all relevant detail is stated on the letter. The instruction is then given to the appointments staff to make the most appropriate appointment for the patient.

ROUTINE APPOINTMENT WAIT TIME 12 months for Ophthalmology and up to 18 months for ENT.

GPs should mark letter URGENT / SOON OR ROUTINE

PLEASE REMEMBER: WE CANNOT GIVE APPOINTMENTS TO YOU OR YOUR PATIENTS

OVER THE PHONE - unless they are return patients.

WE CANNOT ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS.

- ✓ PATIENTS MUST ATTEND FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT ON TIME.
- ✓ IF A PATIENT FAILS TO ATTEND A CLINC THEY WILL NOT BE RE-APPOINTED AUTOMATICALLY- Our DNA policy allows for a max of two consecutive D.N.A's and then the patient will be discharged from our service.
- ✓ **NON ATTENDEES** ARE A **MAJOR PROBLEM**. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PATIENTS TO CONTACT US IF THEY NO LONGER WANT THEIR APPOINTMENT.
- ✓ IF PATIENTS HAVE TO CANCEL AND RE-SCHEDULE THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE SLOT.
- ✓ IF PATIENTS HAVE NOT ATTENDED IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED THEY MUST SUBMIT A NEW LETTER OF REFERRAL FROM THEIR GP.



The role of the Cancer Nurse Co-ordinator Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital

- 1. To provide information, advice & support to patients and their families from the time of diagnosis.
- 2. The point of contact within the hospital for patients. The Cancer Nurse Co-ordinator is a resource and contact for the primary care team.
- 3. If GPs have queries about any patients or wish to fast track a patient who they may think is positive for a malignancy they can contact the co-ordinator.
- 4. GPs should continue to refer patients to the RVEEH as usual; the co-ordinator is only available for high-risk cases.
- 5. Co-ordinate transfer of patients to other hospitals e.g., St. Luke's. Ensure all information is received to and from other hospitals, track patients. Formulate discharge plans.
- 6. The Cancer nurse Co-ordinators can inform GPs (by phone or by letter) of their patient's discharge and the treatment/procedures which they have undergone.
- 7. Ensure patients received OPD appointments for follow-up after Radiotherapy or Chemotherapy is completed.
- 8. The Cancer Nurse Co-ordinators ensures that primary care services are in place when patients are discharged from hospital.
- 9. I have the responsibility for two sites. RVEEH and SVUH.

Fiona Bradley
ENT/Head & Neck Cancer Nurse Co-ordinator RVEEH
Mobile: 086 7359744



OCULAR ONCOLOGY SERVICE ROYAL VICTORIA EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL

New Service:

The Ocular Oncology Clinic is a new service that is now available in Ireland. The Ocular Oncology Clinic was set up here in the RVEEH by Mr. Noel Horgan Cons Retinal & Oncology Ophthalmic Surgeon & assisted by Dr. Moya Cunningham Cons Radiation Oncologist (SLH) in June 2010.

Patients are referred to Mr. Noel Horgan (RVEEH) via Ophthalmologists & Opticians throughout the country, to investigate a freckle / mole that has been noticed at the front or back of the eye. In many cases these moles are benign but a small number of these moles may also be a malignant (cancerous) melanoma.

Investigations:

All patients that are referred to the clinic receive a thorough eye examination. Patients **may** have a series of photographs and scans to the eye in which may take up to 4 hours to complete. Patients who are coming to the Ocular Oncology Clinic are advised to take a friend or relative to accompany them, as both eyes may need to be dilated. If this is the case the patient's vision will be blurred for approx 4-6hrs & driving is **not** advised.

Ocular Melanoma:

Melanoma is a malignant tumour that most often arises from a freckle or mole on the skin. Less commonly is it found in the eye or other sites of the body. Melanoma typically occurs in fair skinned, blue or green eyed individuals & carries the potential to spread to other parts of the body such as the liver & lungs. The exact cause of ocular (eye) melanoma is unknown. Ocular melanoma almost always affects one eye & it is not thought to be hereditary. It can develop in an otherwise healthy individual. Ocular melanoma is a very rare type of cancer affecting approx 50 people per year in Ireland.



Treatment:

Plaque Radiotherapy:

- New treatment available in Ireland that is suitable for some ocular melanomas.
- The radioactive plaque is a concave / saucer shaped disc made from pure silver or gold plated, that is impregnated with Ruthenium 106 (beta emitter) or Iodine Seeds (ISO Seeds) within the dome of the disk.
- Measures approx 1mm in thickness
- The disk is surgically implanted at the site of the tumour by Mr. Noel Horgan (RVEEH)
- The plaque disk emits radiation constantly while in place on the surface of the eye ball. This allows a high dose of radiation to be delivered to the tumour.
- Surgery is carried out in St. Lukes Hospital Rathgar.
- The plaque disk stays around the eye for a number of days, of which it is then surgically removed.
 The patient is required to stay in hospital while the plaque is in place.
- Some tumours may be unsuitable for this type of treatment & the patient may be referred to St.
 Paul's Eye Unit at the Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital, Liverpool for alternative treatment that is not currently available in Ireland.
- If the tumour is too big to treat with radiotherapy, the eye may need to be removed (enucleation)

Contact us:

If you would to know more about Ocular Melanoma, please contact

Sabrina Kelly (CNS) at: sabrina.kelly@rveeh.ie

Appointments Department

Tel: 01 6644600 Fax: 01 6785462

Patient Services Department

Manager: Thomas Dempster 01 6343626

Administrator: June Clare

Radiology 01 7088540

A&E 01 7088537

Admissions

Administrator: Patricia Conn 01 6644640

Freedom of information / Routine Access

Manager: Deirdre Clancy 01 7088519

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