



Seeing beyond Degenerative Vitreous Syndrome

Recognising quality of life issues

Severe vitreous opacities are a vision altering condition and therefore a life-altering one. People can feel isolated, depressed, anxious and struggle with driving, socialising, sport and work. We aim to provide a supportive framework for all sufferers and offer them a more positive outlook.

Improving treatment options

The condition may not be sight-threatening, but the treatment options are. They are limited, have variable results and are high risk. Many ophthalmologists are reluctant to treat and patients get patchy treatment advice. There is currently no research into a safer, more reliable alternative. We aim to get the condition on the treatment research radar and to make sure patients understand their options.

Improving detection

Our research indicates that many sufferers receive an unsympathetic and unhelpful response to their condition from eye care professionals.

Some are put off from seeking a diagnosis because they fear a negative response. Frequently patients are told to "live with it", that it will get better or accused of having psychological issues.

A key aim is to educate professionals and public alike to differentiate between the common, benign version of this condition and the rarer, more severe one so that patients receive timely, accurate and empathetic advice.