**Possible risk for the fetus (unborn child)**

Medications taken during pregnancy can harm the fetus. The Food and Drug Administration, known as the FDA, issued a warning about Avastin. Here is more information about the warning.

**New tests on animals show that intravenous Avastin (given directly into the vein) may not be safe for the fetus.** Intravenous Avastin was recently tested on pregnant rabbits. The rabbits were given very high doses of Avastin every three days. The Avastin was injected directly into the vein and went through the veins to the rest of the body. The baby rabbits had some birth defects.

**The FDA does not know if intravenous Avastin causes birth defects in humans.** You will not be given intravenous Avastin.

**Your eye surgeon gives you less Avastin and in a different way.** First, your dose of Avastin is much, much smaller than what was given to the rabbits. Second, your Avastin is injected into your eye (intravitreal injection), not into your vein. Finally, you get Avastin at most only once every four weeks.

**The FDA thinks women on Avastin should use birth control.** To be safe, the FDA thinks that women who could get pregnant should use birth control while they are getting intravenous Avastin. The FDA advised women on intravenous Avastin to keep using birth control for six months after they get Avastin.

**To be safe, your eye surgeon wants you to know about the FDA warnings.** If you are pregnant or could get pregnant, talk to your regular doctor about whether you need to use some type of birth control while you are getting Avastin, and how long you should use it. Show your doctor this form.

**By signing below, you agree that:**

* You read this form or had it read to you.
* The eye surgeon or staff member explained about the possible risk to the fetus.
* The eye surgeon or staff member answered your questions.

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