**Remove the section in red.**

**Add your letterhead to the first page of the consent form.**

**Keep each section together on the same page: move it as needed.**

**Change font size for large print.**

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**There are two AVASTIN forms:**

* Use the main form for all adult patients receiving AVASTIN.
* Ask women of child-bearing age to also sign this form about the possible risk to the fetus.
  + The AVASTIN prescribing label states that there is a possible risk to the fetus from this and other anti-VEGF drugs.
  + It should only be used in women of childbearing age if the possible benefit for the woman is greater than the potential risk to the fetus. Please see the prescribing information at [https://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/sites/www.pharma.us.novartis.com/files/AVASTIN.pdf](https://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/sites/www.pharma.us.novartis.com/files/beovu.pdf).

**Review our risk management recommendations on the use of anti-VEGF drugs in adults.**

This loss prevention document addresses on- and off-label use, preventing endophthalmitis, informed consent issues, and documentation. It incorporates key guidelines on intravitreal injection published by a panel of experts. Here is a link to the risk management recommendations [www.omic.com/anti-VEGF-drugs-in-adults/](http://www.omic.com/anti-VEGF-drugs-in-adults/).

**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.

**Tests on animals show that anti-VEGF drugs like AVASTIN may not be safe for the fetus.**

**The FDA does not know if AVASTIN causes birth defects in humans.** This drug should only be used during pregnancy if the potential benefit for the woman outweighs the potential risk to the fetus.

**The FDA thinks women on AVASTIN who could get pregnant should use birth control.** To be safe, the FDA thinks the type of birth control must be highly effective birth control, meaning it can protect against pregnancy 99% of the time. This birth control should be taken during treatment, and for at least one month after the last injection of AVASTIN.

**Your eye surgeon wants you to know about the FDA warning.** If you are pregnant or could get pregnant, talk to your regular doctor about whether you need to use some kind of birth control while you are getting AVASTIN. 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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