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

Medications taken during pregnancy can harm the fetus. The Food and Drug Administration, known as the FDA, has issued warnings about two drugs that are the same type of drug as Lucentis. Here is more information about those warnings.

**New tests on animals show that drugs like Lucentis given directly into the vein may not be safe for the fetus.** Two drugs called Avastin and Eylea were recently tested on pregnant rabbits. The rabbits were given very high doses of these drugs every three days. The drugs were injected directly into the vein (intravenously) 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 doses of these two drugs cause birth defects in humans.** Eye surgeons do not give these drugs to humans directly into the vein.

**Eye surgeons give less of these drugs and in a different way.** First, the human dose of these drugs is much, much smaller than what was given to the rabbits. Second, the drugs are injected into the eye (intravitreal injection), not into the vein. Finally, eye surgeons give these drugs at most only once every four to eight weeks.

**The FDA did not issue a warning about Lucentis injections.** Lucentis is the same type of drug, so Lucentis may also be a risk for the fetus.

**The FDA thinks women on drugs like Lucentis who could get pregnant should use birth control.** To be safe, the FDA thinks that women who could get pregnant should use birth control before the first dose, during treatment, and for at least three to six months after the last injection.

**To be safe, 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 Lucentis. 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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