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NHS MEDICAL POLICY

Bevacizumab Intravitreal Administration Medicine 2014-001

Bevacizumab is a recombinant humanized monoclonal antibody to vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). It is designed to bind to and inhibit VEGF.

Intravitreal administration of bevacizumab may be indicated when 1 of the following is

| 1 | Retinopathy of prematurity |
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| 2 | Neovascular (wet) age related macular degeneration (AMD) |
| 3 | Proliferative diabetic retinopathy with vitreous hemorrhage |
| 4 | Proliferative diabetic retinopathy as an adjunctive treatment to vitrectomy or photocoagulation. |
| 5 | Diabetic macular edema |
| 6 | Macular edema following central or branch retinal vein occlusion (RVO) |
| 7 | Neovascular glaucoma |
| 8 | Pseudoxanthoma elasticum |
| 9 | Rare causes of choroidal neovascularization (angioid streaks, choroiditis [including choroiditis secondary to ocular histoplasmosis], idiopathic degenerative myopia, retinal dystrophies, rubeosis iridis, and trauma) |

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