A simple and effective new way to treat glaucoma



GLAUCOMA GEL IMPLANT

What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that cause damage to the optic nerve. High eye pressure (also called intraocular pressure, IOP or eye tension) can cause glaucoma.

How does high eye pressure damage the optic nerve?

Front of eye

1

An abnormal increase in pressure inside the eye is created by the fluids in the eye building up.

2

The increased pressure from the front of the eye increases the pressure on the optic nerve at the back of the eye.

Optic nerve

3

Too much pressure can damage the optic nerve. This damage is known as glaucoma.

Eye drops don't always reduce the pressure to the low levels needed to help prevent vision loss. This is why your doctor has suggested XEN[®] for you.

What is the XEN[®] Gel Implant?

The XEN[®] Implant is used to treat glaucoma.



The XEN[®] Implant is a tiny, soft tube.



How long will it last?

The XEN[®] Implant is designed to stay in the eye permanently as a new outflow pathway to reduce eye pressure.



Will I still need to use glaucoma drops?

Most people who have the XEN[®] Implant can use less glaucoma eye drops. After a year with the XEN[®] Implant, around half of patients in a study still had no need to use glaucoma eye drops at all.

Your eye specialist will review your progress at follow-up appointments.

How does the XEN[®] Implant work?

The XEN® Implant creates a small tunnel to let fluid drain away to lower the pressure inside your eye.

The XEN[®] Implant is so small you are unlikely to see or feel it. Sitting just under the surface of your eye, it works to reduce the pressure inside your eye.



What can I expect during the procedure?

It takes less than 20 minutes to insert the XEN[®] Implant into your eye.

Your eye specialist will use local anaesthetic to numb your eye, or may decide to use general anaesthesia. So the procedure should be painless.

Then the soft XEN[®] Implant will be gently positioned. It should start working straight away to reduce the pressure in your eye.

If you have cataracts, your doctor may decide to insert the XEN[®] Implant during the cataract procedure.

Most patients can leave the same day as having XEN[®] implanted. You will need to return for follow-up appointments. Your eye specialist will tell you when these will be.



Is the XEN[®] Implant right for me?

As with all procedures, there can be risks which your doctor will discuss with you. If you have any questions, concerns or problems with your glaucoma treatment, please see your doctor.

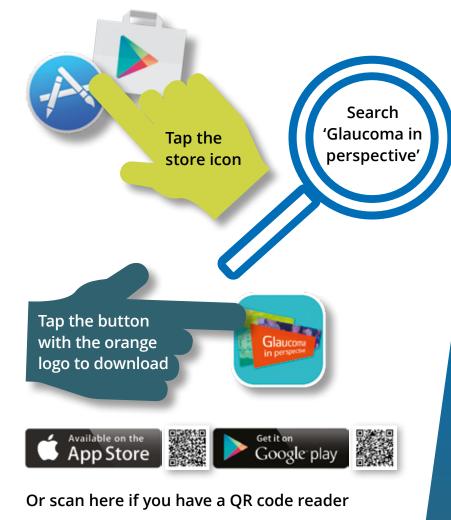
How can I find out more about glaucoma?

Glaucoma can be difficult to understand. For information about glaucoma, visit **www.glaucoma.org.au** for Australian patients or, **www.glaucoma.org.nz** for New Zealand patients.



The Glaucoma in perspective app contains simple and interactive information to help you understand how glaucoma can affect your vision.

You can download the Glaucoma in perspective app using this guide:





The XEN[®] Implant

An effective new treatment for glaucoma

For people whose eye pressure is too high, despite using glaucoma drops

Lowers pressure inside the eye to help prevent glaucoma from damaging your vision



Half of those who had the XEN[®] Implant were able to stop using their drops at 12 months. Your specialist will review whether you can reduce or stop using glaucoma eye drops at follow-up appointments

Quick to insert and can be done with a cataract procedure

Always talk to your doctor if you have any questions

The XEN® Gel Implant is intended to reduce intraocular pressure in patients with primary open angle glaucoma where previous medical treatments have failed.

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