Transpupillary thermotherapy for age-related macular degeneration

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Authors' objectives
This study aims to assess the current evidence on transpupillary thermotherapy for age-related macular degeneration.

Authors' conclusions
1.1 Current evidence on the safety and efficacy of transpupillary thermotherapy for age-related macular degeneration does not appear adequate for this procedure to be used without special arrangements for consent and for audit or research.

1.2 Clinicians wishing to undertake transpupillary thermotherapy for age-related macular degeneration should take the following action. - Inform the clinical governance leads in their Trusts. - Ensure that patients understand the uncertainty about the procedures safety and efficacy and provide them with clear written information. Use of the Institute's Information for the Public is recommended. - Audit and review clinical outcomes of all patients having transpupillary thermotherapy for age-related macular degeneration.

1.3 Publication of safety and efficacy outcomes will be useful in reducing the current uncertainty. The Institute may review the procedure upon publication of further evidence.

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