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REF: 2026-105
Subject: Usage of High-Cost Drugs in Ophthalmology

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **04/02/2026** where you requested information about **Usage of High-Cost Drugs in Ophthalmology.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Question	Answer
1. For the 4 months from September to December 2025, how many **unique*** patients received the following intra-vitreal treatments for any eye condition:	
• Aflibercept	721
• Bevacizumab	24
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	10
• Faricimab	349
• Ranibizumab	90
• Fluocinolone acetonide	Less than 10
*Please count a patient only once for any treatment, regardless of how many injections or implants they may have received	
2. For the patients above, how many were new to intra-vitreal treatment? Please provide the patient numbers by the treatments listed below, excluding patients who previously had received any of these treatments. **Please note:** We have assumed that any patient who hadn't received intra-vitreal treatment in the 12 months previous to September 2025 was new	
• Aflibercept	68
• Bevacizumab	Less than 10
• Brolucizumab	0
• Dexamethasone	Less than 10
• Faricimab	41
• Ranibizumab – Lucentis	0
• Ranibizumab Biosimilar	15
• Fluocinolone acetonide	0

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Yours sincerely,

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