

Questions?

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Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC clinic staff is also available to help.

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After Your ERG

This handout explains guidelines to follow, symptoms you may have, and when to call the doctor after an *electroretinogram* (ERG) test.

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Eye Care

After an ERG test, **do not**:

- Wear your contact lens for at least 1 day.
- Scratch your eye. Use artificial tears to moisten your eye if it feels itchy. You can buy these at a drugstore without a prescription.
- Drive.
- Do anything that might be hazardous. Your vision may be blurry.

Symptoms to Watch For

After an ERG, you may have 1 or more of these symptoms:

- Blurry vision in the eye that was tested. This blurriness may last for several hours.
- Your pupil may stay dilated for 2 days or longer.
- Bright lights may bother your eyes. If they do, try wearing sunglasses.
- Your eye may feel itchy and look red because it is irritated from the numbing medicine or the contact lens.

These symptoms are short-term and will go away on their own.

When to Call the Doctor

In rare cases, you may have a *corneal abrasion* (a scratch on the surface of your eye). Most times, this will heal and go away in 2 days.

Keep your eye covered and use artificial tears to moisten your eye and lessen the irritation. Call your ophthalmologist or your doctor who ordered the ERG if pain from a corneal abrasion does not go away.

Results

We will send your test results to your doctor who referred you for this test. Your doctor will talk with you about your results.