

Retisert Implant for the Treatment of Posterior Uveitis and Diabetic Macular Edema

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Retisert implant (Bausch and Lomb, Rochester, NY) is approved for the treatment of chronic posterior uveitis based on the results of 2 randomized trials. It has also been evaluated for the management on diabetic macular edema involving the fovea that persisted despite focal/grid laser photocoagulation. These two trials suggested the implant was effective in reducing edema and resulted in an improvement in vision but was attended by significant complications including cataract and elevated IOP often requiring surgical intervention. Results of Retisert implant for uveitis and DME will be reviewed.