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Restart of vitreoretinal surgery at the Department for Eye Diseases of the University Medical Centre Maribor

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Purpose: The incidence of vitreoretinal pathology is increasing. According to many European epidemiological studies it increased by 50% in the last 10 years. In line with these projections we, at the University Medical Centre Maribor decided to restart the vitreoretinal program.

Methods: In 2021 we started aquiring machines and instruments required for VR surgery. In 2022 one surgeon and 3 nurses started training under the mentorship of prof. Globočnik Petrovič and other VR surgeons and scrub nurses of the Eye Clinic of the University Clinical Centre Ljubljana. In 2023 we performed the first VR surgery, in 2024 we started with a regular elective surgical programe as well as with emergency VR procedures. At the start we did all the procedures in general anesthesia, by now we make approximately 50% in local anesthesia.

Results: Currently we employ 1 surgen, a second one is in training and a third one should start training soon. We have 5 qualified scrub nurses. In 2023 we performed 5 VR procedures, in 2024 we performed 82 procedures and in the first 2 months of 2025 we performed 29 VR procedures. We perform elective surgery of macular pathology, vitreous opacities, complications of ischaemic retinopathy and refractive surgeries with a need for VR approach. We also treat retinal detachments, cataract surgery complications, submacular haemorrhages, trauma and endophthalmitis. In case of a more complex pathology or the absence of the surgeon we still refer the patients to the Ljubljana Eye Clinic. We also don't perform surgery of children, retinal detachments with scleral buckling, vitreous and tissue samples of malignancies and pathologies with the need for amniotic membrane.

Conclusion: In 2024 we successfully started the vitreoretinal surgery program. The number of procedures we perform is steadily increasing, as is the complexity of the pathology we treat. Our 5 year goal and wish is to train 2 additional surgeons and to get the equipment and anesthesiological support needed to be able to take care of the VR surgery needs of the region.

Ponovni zagon vitreoretinalne kirurgije na Oddelku za očesne bolezni UKC Maribor

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Namen: Incidenca odstopa mrežnice ter druge operabilne mrežnične patologije strmo narašča. Glede na številne epidemiološke študije evropskih držav se je le ta povečala za približno 50% v zadnjih 10. letih. Na očesnem oddelku UKC Maribor smo se za to pred širimi leti odločili ponovno vzpostaviti program vitreoretinalne kirurgije.

Metode: Z letom 2021 smo začeli pridobivati potrebno opremo ter inštrumente za opravljanje posegov. V letu 2022 smo pod mentorstvom prof. Globočnik Petrovič ter drugih vitreoretinalnih kirurgov in inštrumentark Očesne klinike v Ljubljani začeli 2 letno šolanje enega kirurga, ter krajše šolanje 3 inštrumentark. V letu 2023 smo opravili prve vitreoretinalne posege izbrane patologije, z letom 2024 pa smo zagnali redni elektivni program kot tudi urgentne operacije. Na začetku smo vse posege opravili v splošni anesteziji, trenutno jih približno polovico opravimo v lokalni anesteziji.

Rezultati: Trenutno posege opravlja 1 kirurg, na začetku šolanja je ena kirurginja, kmalu se ji bo pridružila še druga. Za vitreoretinalne posege je v celoti usposobljenih 5 inštrumentark. V letu 2023 smo opravili 5 vitreoretinalnih posegov. V letu 2024 smo opravili 82 vitreoretinalnih posegov. V letu 2025 smo v prvih dveh mesecih opravili 29 vitreoretinalnih posegov. Trenutno opravljamo elektivne operacije makularne patologije, steklovinskih motnjav, zapletov ishemične retinopatije ter refraktivne posege s potrebo po vitreoretinalnem pristopu. Ob tem opravljamo urgentne operacije odstopa mrežnice, zapletov pri operaciji sive mrene, submakularnih krvavitev, poškodb ter endoftalmitisa. V primeru zapletenejše patologije ali odsotnosti kirurga bolnike po dogovoru še vedno preusmerimo na zdravljenje na očesno kliniko. Prav tako ne opravljamo operacij otrok, odstopov mrežnice kjer pride v poštev zdravljenje s skleralno plombo, odvzema steklovinskih vzorcev ob sumu na maligno bolezen ter operacij kjer bi potrebovali amnijsko membrano.

Zaključek: V letu 2024 smo v UKC Maribor uspešno zagnali program vitreoretinalne kirurgije. Lotevamo se vedno kompleksnejše patologije, število operacij, ki jih opravimo vsak mesec narašča. Cilj in želja naslednjih 5 let je izobraziti še vsaj 2 kirurga, ter pridobiti ustrezno opremo, prostore ter anestesiološko podporo, da bi lahko zadostili potrebam regije po elektivnih ter urgentnih vitreoretinalnih posegih.

