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PHARMACEUTICALS

Ensuring Medicare Beneficiary Access to  
Innovative Ophthalmic Products for Patients with  
Serious Eye Disorders

**Presentation to the Advisory Panel on  
Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP Panel)**

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# Conflict of Interest Statement

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I am an employee of EyePoint Pharmaceuticals and hold stock and stock options in the company. I have no other conflicts of interest to disclose.

# Request

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The HOP Panel should recommend that CMS modify its current packaging policy so that FDA-approved drugs administered at the time of cataract surgery with indications to treat or prevent post-operative issues (thus replacing some or all of the post-operative eye drops that patients are prescribed for use at home and that are paid under Medicare Part D) are paid separately under Medicare Part B in the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) setting.

EyePoint also endorses the request submitted by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) and the Ophthalmic Pharmaceutical Coalition.

# Background on DEXYCU™

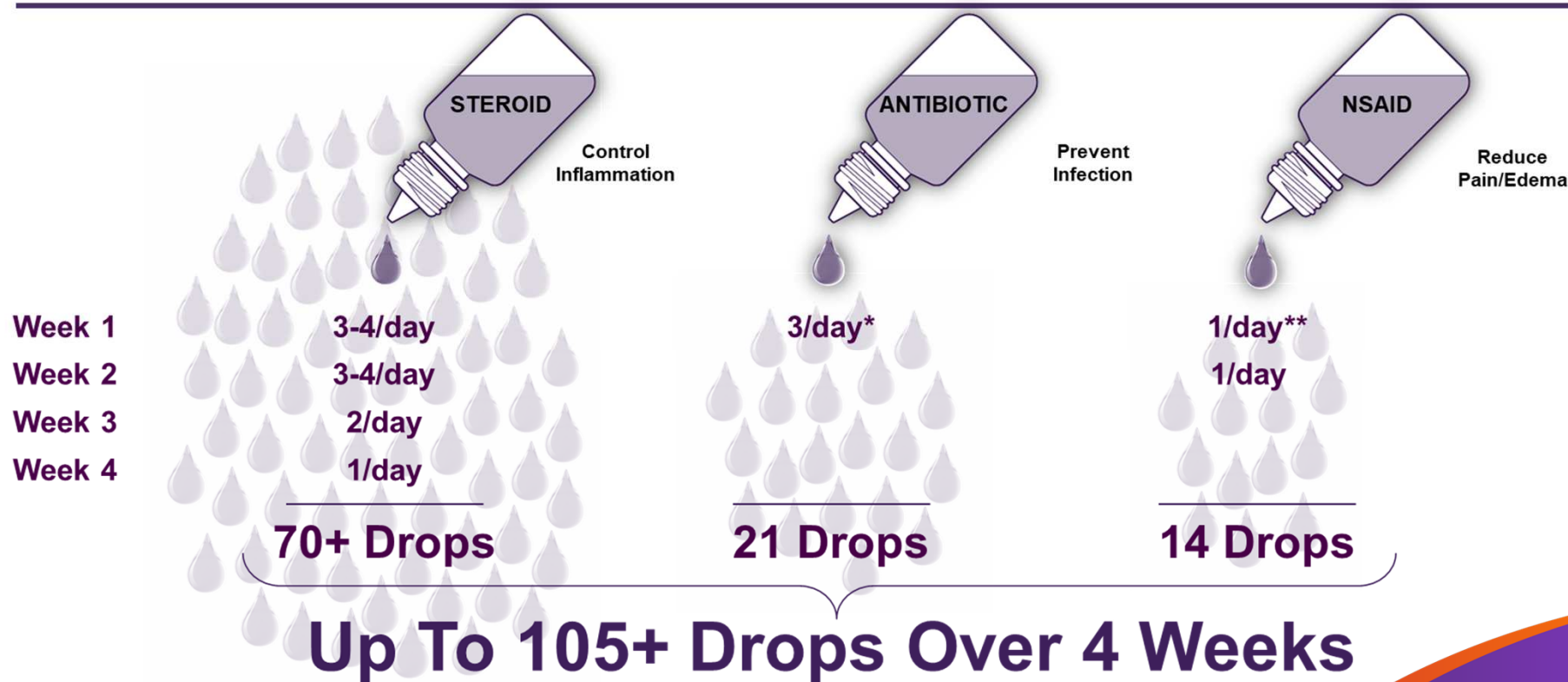
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## Post-Cataract Surgery Inflammation

- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved on 2/9/18
- Drug pass-through status granted effective 10/1/18
- First Medicare claim submitted the week of 4/15/19
- Single injection at the end of eye surgery; rapidly reduces inflammation and maintains results through Day 30

# Current Post-Cataract Therapy Requires Polypharmacy and Places Significant Burden on Patients



<sup>4</sup> \*Source: Vigamox/Besivance product labeling (not specifically indicated for this use, but are commonly prescribed for use)

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## New Analysis of Cataract Surgery and Pharmacy Claims

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- EyePoint commissioned a detailed data analysis from IQVIA (formerly IMS/Quintiles) – results finalized **July 2019**
  - Extensive claims analysis experience, proprietary claims data sets
  - Reviewed 443,000 claims over 4+ years (inpatient, outpatient, and pharmacy)
- IQVIA examined these data searching for trends in:
  - No fill or abandonment of eye drop prescriptions
  - Complications after surgery
  - Repeat cataract surgeries
  - Time between surgery and prescription fills
  - Use of opioid medications

## Data Confirm Need for Better Post-Surgical Treatment

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- Lower than anticipated use of anti-inflammatory eyedrops
  - **62% of cataract patients** filled a topical steroid and/or NSAID before and/or after initial surgery vs. expected 80-85%
  - Patients are **not filling prescriptions** and/or **using workarounds** like unapproved drugs (including compounded drugs) or samples
- **19% of cataracts patients abandon** at least one of their prescription drops after filling
  - Tens of thousands of patients not getting standard of care treatment for pain and inflammation

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- Unexpectedly high Rx rate for **opioids** after cataract surgery (20,000/year)
  - 77% of these also received an NSAID and/or steroid pre or post surgery – topical treatments did not address post-surgical pain and **patients resorted to opioids**
  - 20,000 is for ophthalmologists alone, who rarely prescribe opioids (so we know opioid relates to the surgery); 13.5% of all cataract surgery patients filled a prescription for an opioid
- Higher rates of **comorbidities** for patients who filled at least one prescription for steroid or NSAID drops vs. those who did not fill
  - Suggests patients are filling prescriptions for drops **only when needed to treat complications**



## Even When Patients Fill Eye Drops, Problems Abound

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- Patients miss doses of the prescriptions they do fill
  - Inadequate treatment of symptoms
  - Potential contribution to antibiotic resistance
- 93% of patients improperly administer drops following cataract surgery\*
  - Miss the eye
  - Incorrect number of drops
  - Contaminated bottle tip or hands
- Many patients think they use drops properly but were observed making mistakes

# Potentially Severe Clinical Consequences from Missed Fills, Missed Doses, or Improper Administration

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- Untreated inflammation, swelling, or infection > higher risk of complications
  - Complications can cause pain, visual impairment, repeat surgeries or other avoidable treatments > increased costs for federal programs and other payers
- Opioid prescriptions for patients who have post-surgical pain because of missed fills or other problems with current therapies
- Missed fills or missed doses of antibiotics may contribute to antibiotic resistance

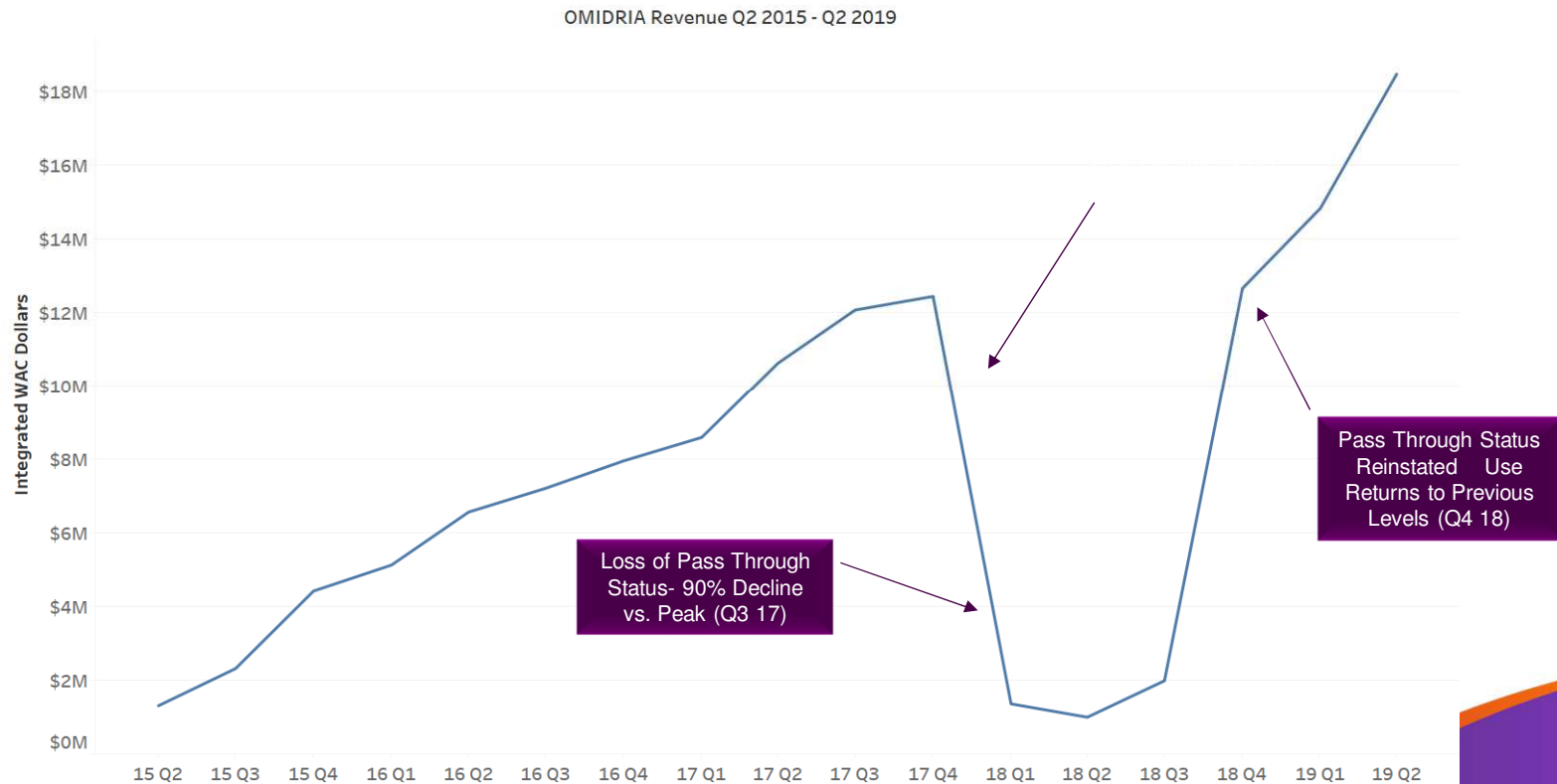
\* Schmier JK, Halpern MT, Covert DW, Matthews GP. Evaluation of costs for cystoid macular edema among patients after cataract surgery. Retina 2007; 27:621–628 (analysis of 139,759 beneficiaries with cataract surgery in the Medicare 5% Beneficiary Encrypted Files 1997 through 2001).

# Better Alternatives Are Available But CMS Policy Hinders Medicare Beneficiary Access

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- Innovative ophthalmic drugs like DEXYCU™ finally offer an alternative to all the problems of eye drops
  - Single injection after surgery guarantees compliance with regimen
  - Optimal visual outcomes post-surgery
- But OPPS/ASC packaging policy **hinders patient access** to these innovative ophthalmic drugs
- CMS policy also discourages investment and development of the next innovative ophthalmic drug – no path to adequate reimbursement
- CMS should remove the barriers to patient access by paying separately for drugs that could replace some or all of the postoperative eye drops

# Pass-Through Status Is Not Sufficient to Ensure Medicare Beneficiary Access After It Expires



Source(s): OMEROS Public Filing Information Annually and Quarterly  
Symphony Data on OMIDRIA Sales 2017 & Q1 2018

# Conclusion

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Permanent, separate payment will help ensure that patients continue to benefit from an innovative treatment option that promotes adherence to treatment, reduces painful and costly complications, and likely reduces opioid use.

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# Thank you!