

Free Patient Information DVDs Offered by EVRS

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Advantages:

In some European Countries, it is clearly specified that Patient Information must be provided orally. The written information that the Patient has to read and sign has less legal value (even more when Patients suffer from a low vision). This oral information is surgeon's time consuming and could be boring to be repeated. In addition, the surgeon informs the Patient just after having announced his surgical decision; this is to say at the worst moment for the Patient, when the stress and the organization problems disturb his comprehension capacity. The idea is to give to each Patient a DVD explaining the pathology, the clinical findings, the surgical procedure, the precautions and the follow-up.

Methods:

I build a DVD answering all the requests and using 3D animations (avoiding shocking images). For the moment, the following subjects are treated: how does vision work, cataract, posterior vitreous detachment, retinal detachment, macular edema and membrane, macular hole. This Patient information video has received the Best of Show Award during the last ASRS Meeting. I propose to offer this DVD to EVRS. Members who want to receive a DVD for each of their annual procedures, translated into their language and presenting their name on it, will have to fill in a form onsite.