

## ABOUT VITREORETINAL SURGERY, P.A.

The Macular Degeneration Research and Treatment Center is the research division of VitreoRetinal Surgery, P.A. (VRS), one of the largest groups of physicians specializing in diseases of the macula, retina, and vitreous. The physicians of VRS have over 100 years of cumulative experience in their field, have authored over 150 scientific articles, hold leadership positions in national and international professional organizations, and have been involved in research on the treatment of a variety of macular and retinal diseases since 1978.

The physicians of VRS and the Macular Degeneration Research and Treatment Center have the capability to rapidly implement new proven treatments for macular and retinal diseases as they become available.

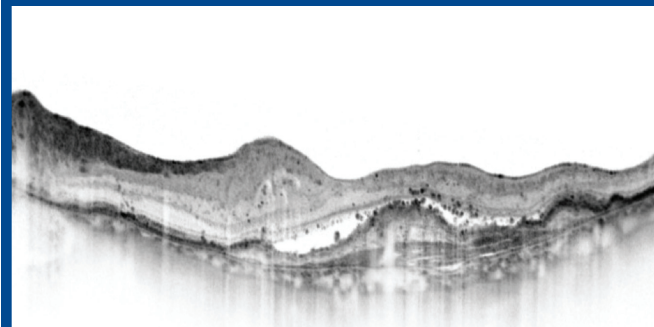


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## THE MACULAR DEGENERATION RESEARCH AND TREATMENT CENTER

A Service of VitreoRetinal Surgery, P.A.

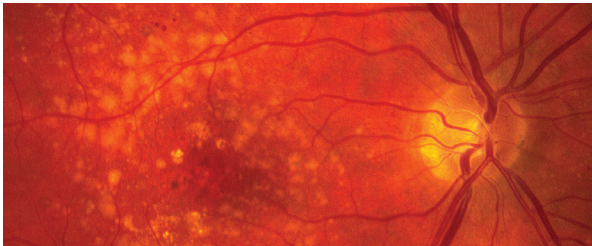


*Dedicated to providing  
state-of-the-art treatment  
of eye diseases that cause  
vision loss by damaging the  
macula area of the retina.*

## ABOUT THE CENTER

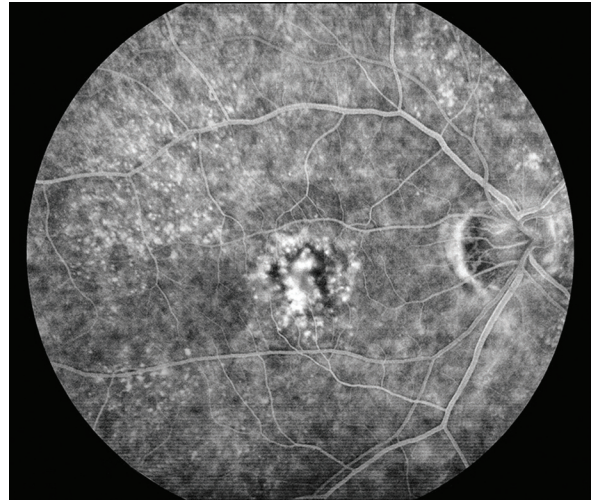
The Macular Degeneration Research and Treatment Center (MDRTC) is dedicated to advanced clinical research in the effort to find new and more effective treatments for Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and related diseases. We offer eligible patients who suffer from these diseases the opportunity to participate in a variety of clinical research trials that may offer access to advanced new treatments not yet available to the general public.

A service of VitreoRetinal Surgery, P.A. (VRS), the MDRTC is supported by ten Retina Specialists, a dedicated full-time clinical research staff, and the state-of-the-art retina treatment facilities of VRS.



The MDRTC interfaces with the National Eye Institute (NEI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), University Academic Medical Centers, other prominent Retina Specialists, and Industry to identify promising clinical research trials and make them available to eligible patients in Minnesota and the surrounding area.

## PROVEN EXPERIENCE



Over the last 25 years VRS has participated in over 20 national and international clinical trials for new treatments in macular and retinal diseases. VRS was the leading participant among 40 major retina practices in the United States in the Comparison of AMD Treatment Trial (CATT). VRS has been an active participant in the Harbor Trial, which is studying high dosage Lucentis as a treatment for wet age-related macular degeneration.

Other national clinical trial opportunities that VRS has brought to our patients have included:

- Diabetic Retinopathy Study
- Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study
- Endophthalmitis Vitrectomy Study
- Interferon in Macular Degeneration Study
- Submacular Surgery Trials
- Visudyne for Macular Degeneration studies
- Eyetech and Genentech sponsored trials
- Anti-factor D for Dry Macular Degeneration