



# Phacoemulsification and pars plana vitrectomy: no evidence of an increased risk of aerosol transmission

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Chandra et al. in their recent paper published in *Eye* described the current situation regarding the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for vitreoretinal surgery during COVID-19 [1]. They advised that appropriate PPE including FFP3 masks for surgeons and nurses be used during phacoemulsification and pars plana vitrectomy (PPV). We would like to inform readers that in Scotland, we have received guidance from Health Protection Scotland [2] that in conjunction with World Health Organisation Guidance from 2014 [3], there is no evidence of an increased risk of aerosol transmission in a list of procedures which includes phacoemulsification and PPV. This guidance has been agreed in collaboration with experts from New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group and Public Health England.

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