**Tobramycin/vancomycin/dexamethasone**

**Corneal toxicity after application of a collagen shield in an elderly patient: case report**

A collagen shield soaked in tobramycin 40 mg/ml, vancomycin 50 mg/ml and dexamethasone 4 mg/ml was applied for 12 hours to the right eye of an 84-year-old woman as prophylaxis following cataract surgery. The next day severe diffuse corneal oedema was observed.

Despite therapy with prednisolone and sodium chloride the corneal oedema persisted for 6 months, and the patient was recommended for a corneal transplant.

Comment: This patient had pre-existing endothelial disease and a tear drainage obstruction; the authors recommend that antibacterial/steroid-soaked collagen shields used for prophylaxis of postoperative endophthalmitis should be used with caution or avoided in such patients.