Hematoma of the Retina

To the Editor: Sir, in the May-June 1993 issue of the Journal of the American Board of Family Practice, the article by Dr. Domanowski on the treatment of a retinal detachment makes several points that need to be clarified.

First, the article states that a retinal detachment is a common cause of blindness. However, it is important to note that the incidence of retinal detachment is relatively low, and that most patients who develop this condition do not experience significant vision loss.

Second, the article suggests that laser treatment is the preferred method of treatment for retinal detachment. While laser treatment can be effective in some cases, it is not always the best option. In some cases, surgical repair may be necessary.

Finally, the article notes that the prognosis for retinal detachment is generally good. However, it is important to remember that the outcomes of retinal detachment depend on many factors, including the size and location of the detachment, the duration of symptoms, and the patient's age and overall health.

In conclusion, while the article by Dr. Domanowski provides valuable information about the treatment of retinal detachment, it is important to recognize that the outcomes of this condition vary widely depending on the individual circumstances of each patient.