

Patient Information Sheet

Remdesivir Treatment: in Your Home

This information is for patients who have been prescribed Remdesivir and will receive the treatment at home.

1) What is Remdesivir and how does it help?

Remdesivir is an intravenous (IV) medication given to those who are 18 years or older and at high-risk of being hospitalized due to COVID-19 because of their medical conditions or age. Once you have COVID-19, Remdesivir helps your body fight the infection and get better faster, thereby lowering the risk that you will need to be hospitalized.

Remdesivir does not prevent people from getting COVID-19; vaccination is still recommended to reduce the risk of serious health outcomes from the virus.

2) What are the possible side effects from this treatment?

Possible side effects include:

a) IV infusion: at the injection site: bruising, swelling, redness, soreness.

b) Remdesivir: diarrhea and / or allergic reactions, including:

Fever, chills, nausea or feeling sick, headache, difficulty breathing, chest tightness, decreased or increased blood pressure, swelling of your face, throat irritation, rash with hives, itching or an itchy rash, muscle pain, uneven heartbeat, increased sweating, dizziness or light headedness

In case the patient has an adverse reaction, a capable adult (18 years or older) should be at home or otherwise with the patient for **six hours after the medication is administered**.

**** If the side effects worsen, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. ****

3) How do I prepare for the treatment?

When the nurse comes to your home to administer the treatment, please:

- a)** When possible, **wear a medical mask during the visit**. The nurse can provide you with one, if needed.
- b)** If someone else must be present during the nurse's visit, **ensure they maintain a distance of two metres and wear a medical mask**, if they are able.
- c)** **Follow the nurse's detailed instructions** for receiving care at home.
- d)** As above, and **in case of an adverse reaction**, a capable adult should be at home or otherwise with the patient for **six hours after the treatment is administered**.

4) Questions or concerns? Please contact your Care Coordinator directly, or call 310.2222 (no area code) and ask to speak to them.