

TIPS FOR TALKING TO YOUR PATIENTS ABOUT EARLY TREATMENT FOR COVID-19

Your patients trust you for information. Help them understand early treatment for COVID-19 can be life-saving. Refer medically eligible patients to a Monoclonal Antibody Regional Center (MARC).

Treatment is available. Call (619) 685-2500 to reach:

- MARC at Vista Community Clinic, Vista
- MARC at Escondido, Escondido
- **COMING SOON!** MARC at Clairemont Friendship Center, Clairemont
- Family Health Centers of San Diego, Hillcrest & Chula Vista

ANSWER PATIENTS' QUESTIONS

Listen and respond to their questions. Your willingness to listen plays a major role in building trust in your referral. Provide information in a way patients can understand it.

Is this needed if I am not that sick?

Treatment should begin as soon as possible and before symptoms get worse to help prevent you from needing hospitalization.

Why have I been referred for this treatment?

Because you have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 that appeared within the last 10 days AND are at [high risk](#) of getting very sick or being admitted to the hospital.

What can I expect from treatment?

Requires an outpatient visit to administer monoclonal antibodies through an IV infusion for less than 45 minutes or SQ injection. Medical staff will observe you after the infusion to ensure you do not have any side effects before you are released to go home.

What is the cost?

Available at no cost to the individual, regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

Be knowledgeable about the treatment

- The combination of [casirivimab plus imdevimab](#) has been [authorized for emergency use](#) by the FDA to treat mild to moderate COVID-19 in medically eligible patients.
- In clinical trials, [casirivimab plus imdevimab](#) has been shown to reduce COVID-19-related emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and death.

Make a strong recommendation

- Health professionals are **encouraged to make strong recommendations** for medically eligible patients.
 - [Factsheet for Patients, Parents, and Caregivers](#)
- "I highly recommend..."
- "This treatment is especially important because of your [risk]..."
- **Call (619) 685-2500 or email COVIDTreatment@sdcounty.ca.gov** to make a referral or to ask a question.

For more information, visit the Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers at www.sandiegocounty.gov/COVIDHealthProfessionals



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