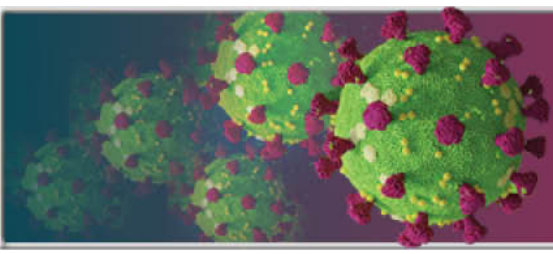


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## **COVID-19 FRONTLINE**

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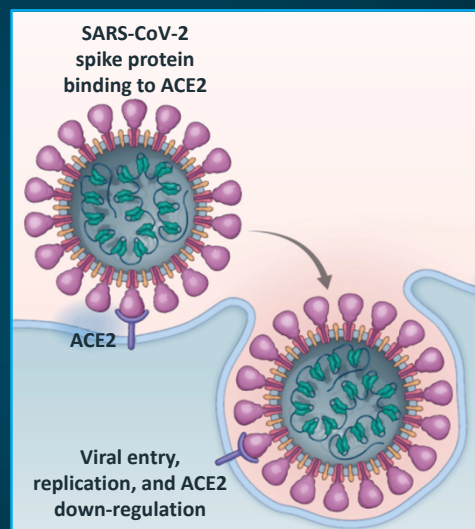
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## SARS-CoV-2

- COVID-19 is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus<sup>1-3</sup>
- The virus is spread primarily via respiratory droplets during face-to-face contact<sup>2</sup>
- Spike protein on viral surface binds to ACE2 receptor on target cells, facilitating viral entry into host cells<sup>2,3</sup>



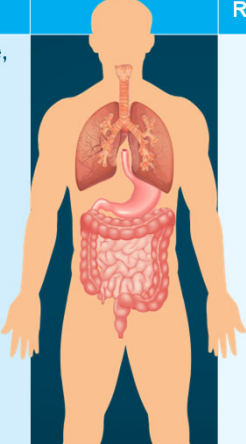
SARS-CoV-2 = severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; ACE = angiotensin-converting enzyme.

1. Adapted from Vaduganathan M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382:1653-1659. 2. Wiersinga WJ, et al. *JAMA.* 324:782-793. 3. Baum A, et al. *Science.* 2020;369:1014-1018.



## Clinical Presentation of COVID-19

### Systemic and respiratory disorders caused by COVID-19

Systemic Disorders		Respiratory Disorders
Fever, cough, fatigue, sputum production, headache		Rhinorrhea, sneezing, sore throat
Hemoptysis, acute cardiac injury		Pneumonia
Hypoxemia		Ground-glass opacities
Dyspnea, Lymphopenia		RNAemia, acute respiratory distress syndrome
Diarrhea		

### Most common symptoms of COVID-19 at presentation

Symptom	Patients Presenting with Symptom (N = 1420)
Headache	70.3%
Loss of smell	70.2%
Nasal obstruction	67.8%
Asthenia	63.3%
Cough	63.2%
Myalgia	62.5%
Rhinorrhea	60.1%
Taste dysfunction	54.2%
Sore throat	52.9%
Fever (>38°C)	45.4%

RNA = ribonucleic acid; C = Celsius.

Guan WJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382:1708-1720. Rothan HA, et al. *J Autoimmun.* 2020;109:102433. Lechien JR, et al. *J Intern Med.* 2020;288:335-344. Wang WW, et al. *J Med Virol.* 2020;92:441-447.

## COVID-19 Disease Severity

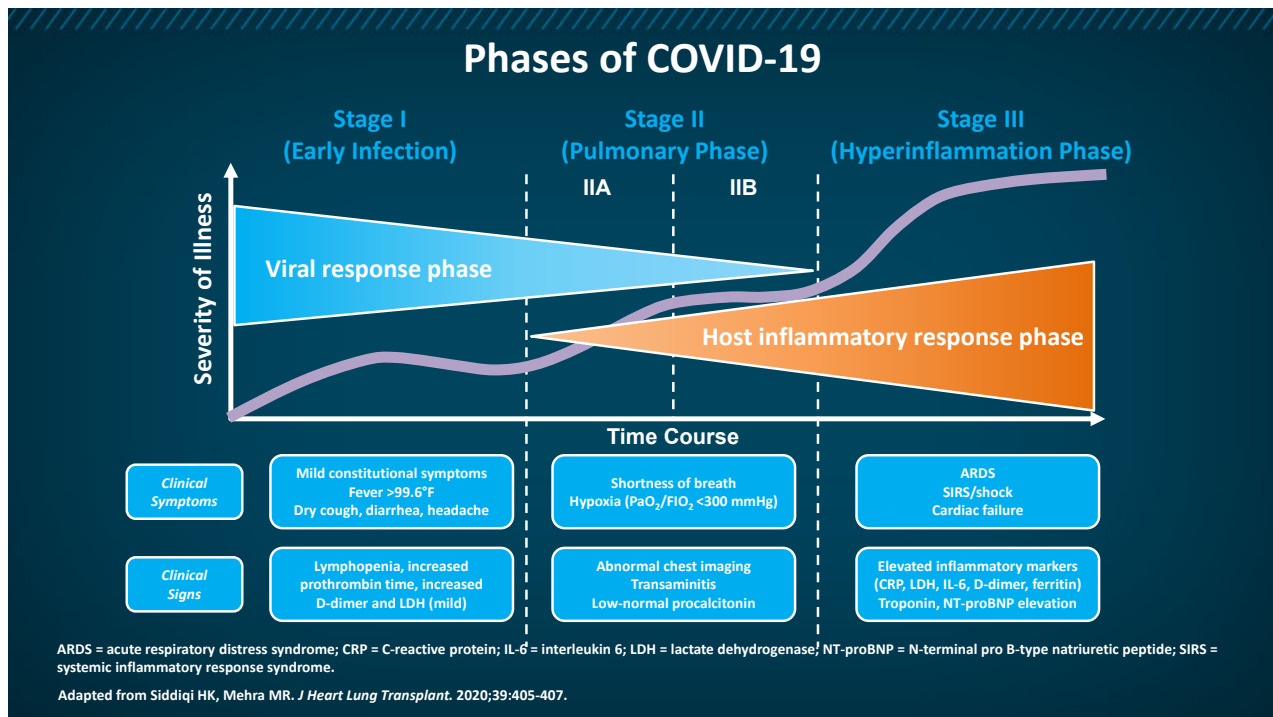
A large study of 44,672 confirmed COVID-19 cases identified by the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 81% of cases were mild-to-moderate, 13.8% were severe, and 6.1% were critical

	Disease Characteristics—NIH
Mild illness	Various symptoms (eg, fever, cough, sore throat, headache, malaise, muscle pain) without shortness of breath, dyspnea, or abnormal chest imaging
Moderate illness	SpO <sub>2</sub> ≥94% on room air and lower respiratory disease evidenced by clinical assessment or imaging
Severe illness	SpO <sub>2</sub> <94% on room air, PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> <300, respiratory rate >30 breaths/min, or lung infiltrates >50%
Critical illness	Respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiorgan dysfunction

SpO<sub>2</sub> = oxygen saturation; PaO<sub>2</sub> = arterial partial pressure of oxygen; FiO<sub>2</sub> = fraction of inspired oxygen; NIH = National Institutes of Health.

Wu Z, McGoogan JM. *JAMA.* 2020;323:1239-1242. NIH. COVID-19 treatment guidelines (<https://files.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/guidelines/covid19treatmentguidelines.pdf>). Accessed 12/2/2020.

## Phases of COVID-19



## Risk Factors for Severe Disease

Case series of 5700 hospitalized patients in NYC, Long Island, and Westchester County, NY found:

- Median number of total comorbidities at admission: 4 (IQR: 2–8)
- 88% of patients had more than one comorbidity
- Most common comorbidities were hypertension (56.6%), obesity (41.7%), and diabetes (33.8%)

IQR = interquartile range.

Richardson S, et al. *JAMA.* 2020;323:2052-2059.

## Risk Factors for Severe Disease—NIH

### Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19

- Older age
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Cardiovascular disease (eg, heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathy)
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Obesity (body mass index >30)
- Sickle cell disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Immunocompromised state from solid-organ transplantation
- Cancer

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## Association Between Pre-existing Characteristics and COVID-19 Survival

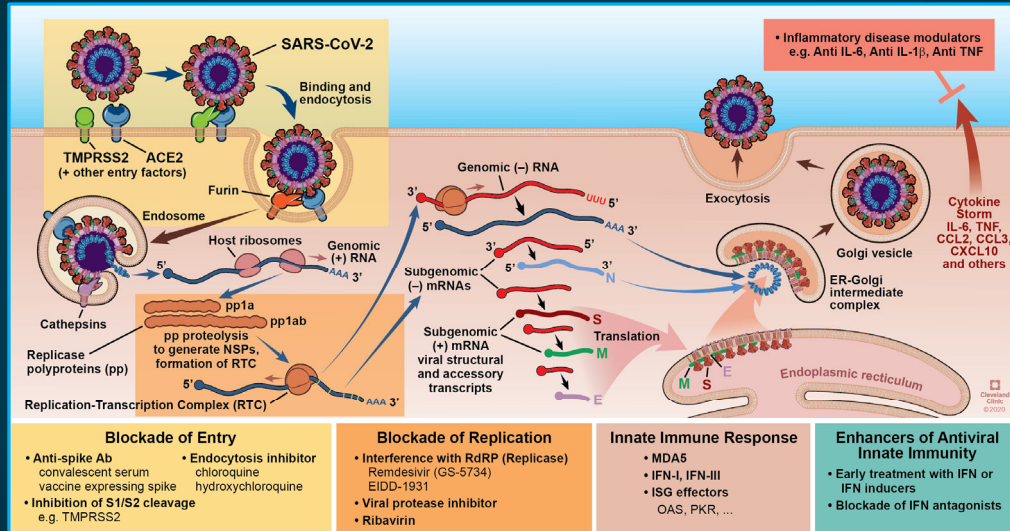
- Prospective cohort study of 20,133 patients in UK hospitalized with COVID-19
- Increasing age, male sex, and chronic comorbidities, including obesity, were identified as independent risk factors for mortality

		HR (95% CI)	P-value
Age on admission (years)	<50		
	50–59	2.63 (2.06–3.35)	<.001
	60–69	4.99 (3.99–6.25)	<.001
	70–79	8.51 (6.85–10.57)	<.001
	≥80	11.09 (8.93–13.77)	<.001
Sex at birth	Female	0.81 (0.75–0.86)	<.001
Chronic cardiac disease	Yes	1.16 (1.08–1.24)	<.001
Chronic pulmonary disease	Yes	1.17 (1.09–1.27)	<.001
Chronic kidney disease	Yes	1.28 (1.18–1.39)	<.001
Diabetes	Yes	1.06 (0.99–1.14)	.087
Obesity	Yes	1.33 (1.19–1.49)	<.001
Chronic neurological disorder	Yes	1.17 (1.06–1.29)	.001
Dementia	Yes	1.40 (1.28–1.52)	<.001
Malignancy	Yes	1.13 (1.02–1.24)	.017
Moderate/severe liver disease	Yes	1.51 (1.21–1.88)	<.001

UK = United Kingdom; HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval.

Docherty AB, et al. *BMJ*. 2020;369:m1985.

## Viral Targets



TMPRSS2 = transmembrane serine protease 2; NSP = non-structural proteins; mRNA = messenger RNA; Ab = antibody; CCL = C-C motif chemokine ligand; C-X-C motif chemokine ligand; TNF = tumor necrosis factor; IFN = interferon; ISG = interferon-stimulated genes; OAS = 2'5' -oligoadenylate synthetases; PKR = RNA-dependent protein.

Bergmann CC, Silverman RH. *Cleve Clin J Med.* 2020;87:321-327

## Monoclonal Antibody Therapies Authorized for Emergency Use

## Antibody Therapy in Mild-to-Moderate COVID-19

	Asymptomatic or presymptomatic	Mild illness	Moderate illness	Severe illness	Critical illness
<b>Features</b>	Positive SARS-CoV-2 test; no symptoms	Mild symptoms (eg, fever, cough, or change in taste or smell); no dyspnea	Clinical or radiographic evidence of lower respiratory tract disease; oxygen saturation $\geq 94\%$	Oxygen saturation $< 94\%$ ; respiratory rate $\geq 30$ breaths/min; lung infiltrates $> 50\%$	Respiratory failure, shock, and multiorgan dysfunction or failure
<b>Testing</b>	Screening testing; if patient has known exposure, diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing	Diagnostic testing
<b>Isolation</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Proposed disease pathogenesis</b>					
<b>Potential treatment</b>					
<b>Management considerations</b>	Monitoring for symptoms	Clinical monitoring and supportive care	Clinical monitoring; if patient hospitalized and at high risk for deterioration, possibly remdesivir	Hospitalization, oxygen therapy, and specific therapy (remdesivir, dexamethasone)	Critical care and specific therapy (dexamethasone, possibly remdesivir)

Adapted from Gandhi RT, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1757-1766

## Convalescent Serum Antibodies in Severe COVID: Not Highly Effective

Convalescent serum antibodies had no impact on survival at 30 days in hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19

- 333 randomized: 228 to antibody therapy, 105 to placebo
- Median of 8 days from onset of symptoms
- $> 98\%$  on convalescent serum and  $95\%$  on placebo with oxygen saturation  $< 93\%$  on room air at baseline
- $29\%$  on convalescent serum and  $24\%$  on placebo in ICU at baseline
- $92\%$  on convalescent serum and  $96\%$  on placebo given steroids during trial

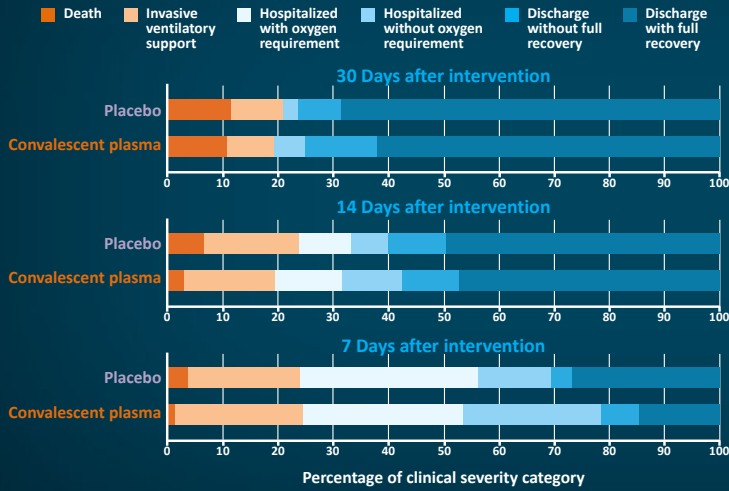
ICU = intensive care unit.

Simonovich VA, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Nov 24: Epub ahead of print.

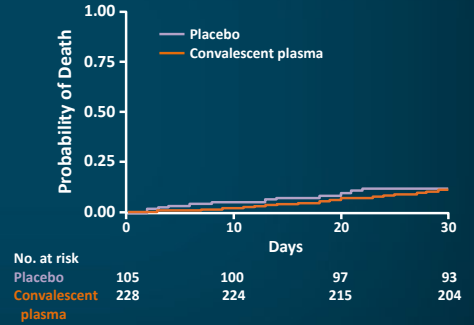
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## Clinical Outcomes

### Convalescent plasma compared with placebo



### Time from intervention to death



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## mAb Therapies With Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

These therapies must be given as soon as possible and within 10 days of symptom onset

### Dual monoclonal antibody cocktail

**Casirivimab 1200 mg AND  
Imdevimab 1200 mg**

Must be administered together as a single IV infusion over 60 minutes

### Single monoclonal antibody therapy

**Bamlanivimab 700 mg**

Administer as a single IV infusion over 60 minutes

mAb = monoclonal antibody; IV = intravenous.

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## Emergency Use Authorization of COVID-19 mAb Therapy

- EUA for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in patients:
  - Who are at least 12 years of age and weigh at least 40 kg
  - Have positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing
  - Who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 or hospitalization
- No benefit in patients hospitalized due to COVID-19
- These therapies may be associated with worse clinical outcomes in hospitalized COVID-19 patients requiring high-flow oxygen or mechanical ventilation

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## Identifying High-Risk Candidates for mAb Therapy

High risk is defined as a patient who meets  $\geq 1$  of the following criteria

Patients of any age with:

- BMI  $\geq 35$
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease
- Current immunosuppressive therapy

Patients aged  $\geq 65$  years

Patients  $\geq 55$  years of age with:

- Cardiovascular disease, OR
- Hypertension, OR
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/  
other chronic respiratory condition

Patients aged 12–17 years with:

- BMI  $> 85^{\text{th}}$  percentile for age and gender
- Sickle cell disease
- Congenital or acquired heart disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (eg, cerebral palsy)
- Asthma, reactive airway, or other chronic respiratory disease that requires daily medication for control
- A medical-related technological dependence (eg, tracheostomy, gastrostomy, positive-pressure ventilation (not related to COVID-19))

BMI = body-mass index.

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## Case Study 1: Nora

- Nora is a 45-year-old woman who presents with shortness of breath and cough that began 3 days ago. Her PCR test is positive for COVID-19.
- Nora's prior medical history is significant for hypertension and depression. Her BMI is 36 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and she has elevated triglycerides.
- **Is Nora a candidate for treatment with a monoclonal antibody therapy?**
  - A. Yes, she should receive monoclonal antibody therapy
  - B. No, she should not receive monoclonal antibody therapy

PCR = polymerase-chain reaction.

## Is Nora a Candidate for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?

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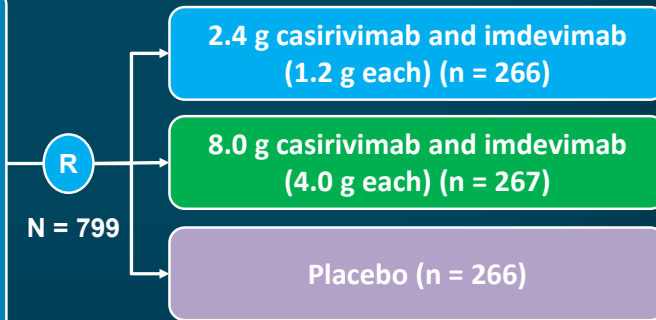


## Casirivimab and Imdevimab (REGN-COV2)

Ongoing phase 1–3 trial of casirivimab and imdevimab in non-hospitalized adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19

### Inclusion criteria:

- ≥18 years
- ≥1 symptom of COVID-19
- Positive SARS-CoV-2 test <72 hours prior to randomization
- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 with onset <7 days before randomization
- No hospitalization due to COVID-19



Casirivimab and imdevimab EUA. ([www.fda.gov/media/143892/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/143892/download)). Accessed 1/7/2021.

## Casirivimab and Imdevimab: Interim Results

Interim analysis of 275 nonhospitalized patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19

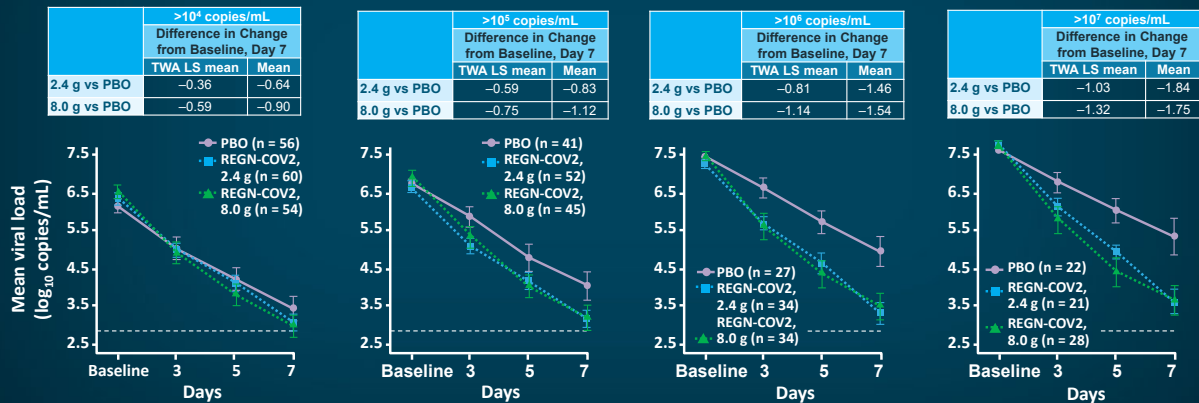
At Least 1 COVID-19-Related Medical Visit Within 29 Days		
Treatment	Events/Total Patients	Incidence
<b>All patients</b>		
Placebo	6/93	6%
Casirivimab and imdevimab 2.4 g	3/92	3%
Casirivimab and imdevimab 8.0 g	3/90	3%
All doses casirivimab and imdevimab	6/182	3%
<b>Seronegative patients</b>		
Placebo	5/33	15%
Casirivimab and imdevimab 2.4 g	2/41	5%
Casirivimab and imdevimab 8.0 g	3/39	8%
All doses casirivimab and imdevimab	5/80	6%

Weinreich DM, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;Dec 17: Epub ahead of print.

## Casirivimab/Imdevimab: Efficacy by Baseline Viral Load

Casirivimab/imdevimab (REGN-COV2) provided greater reduction in viral load in those patients with higher viral load at baseline

Viral load over time according to baseline viral-load category



## Case Study 2: Sandy

- Sandy is a 79-year-old woman who was tested for COVID-19 after her husband began to experience symptoms.
- Her past medical history is significant for COPD and type 2 diabetes. She has a 20-pack-year history of cigarette smoking.
- Sandy tested positive for COVID-19 five days ago, but she is not experiencing shortness of breath. She reports a mild headache and fatigue over the last 2 days.
- **Is Sandy a candidate for therapy with monoclonal antibodies?**
  - A. Yes, she should receive monoclonal antibody therapy
  - B. No, she should not receive monoclonal antibodies

COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

## Is Sandy a Candidate for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?

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<b>Severe illness</b>	SpO <sub>2</sub> $< 94\%$ on room air, PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> $< 300$ , respiratory rate $> 30$ breaths/min, or lung infiltrates $> 50\%$
<b>Critical illness</b>	Respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiorgan dysfunction

Casirivimab and imdevimab EUA. ([www.fda.gov/media/143892/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/143892/download)). Bamlanivimab EUA. (<http://pi.lilly.com/eua/bamlanivimab-eua-factsheet-hcp.pdf>). NIH treatment guidelines (<https://files.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/guidelines/covid19treatmentguidelines.pdf>). URLs accessed 1/18/2021.

## BLAZE-1: Phase 2 Trial of Bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555)

- Interim results from phase 2 trial of bamlanivimab in patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19
- Risk factors for severe COVID-19 in 70% of bamlanivimab and 66% of placebo patients at baseline

Inclusion criteria:

- $\geq 18$  years of age
- Not hospitalized
- Sample collection for 1st positive SARS-CoV-2 viral infection determination  $\leq 3$  days prior to start of infusion
- $\geq 1$  mild or moderate symptom of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, malaise, headache, muscle pain, gastrointestinal symptoms, or shortness of breath with exertion)

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N = 452

LY-CoV555 700 mg monotherapy (n = 101)

LY-CoV555 2800 mg monotherapy (n = 107)

LY-CoV555 7000 mg monotherapy (n = 101)

Placebo (n = 143)

Interim analysis

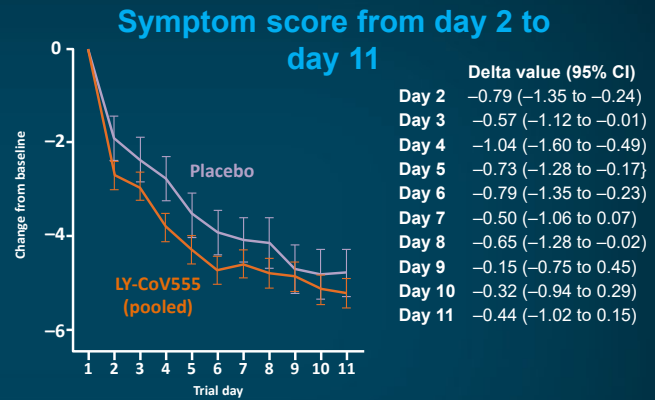
- Positive SARS-CoV-2 test  $\leq 3$  days before infusion
- Mild or moderate COVID-19 symptoms
- Primary endpoint: change from baseline to day 11 ( $\pm 4$  days) in SARS CoV-2 viral load
- Secondary endpoints include safety, symptom severity, hospitalization, and time points for viral clearance

Chen P, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;Oct 28: Epub ahead of print.

## BLAZE-1 Interim Results

Treatment	Patients Hospitalized/ Total No.	Incidence of Hospitalization (%)
Placebo	9/143	6.3
Bamlanivimab 700 mg	1/101	1.0
Bamlanivimab 2800 mg	2/107	1.9
Bamlanivimab 7000 mg	2/101	2.0
Bamlanivimab pooled doses	5/309	1.6

- In subjects  $\geq 65$  years and/or with a BMI  $\geq 35$ , day 29 hospitalization was 4% in treated patients and 15% in those receiving placebo

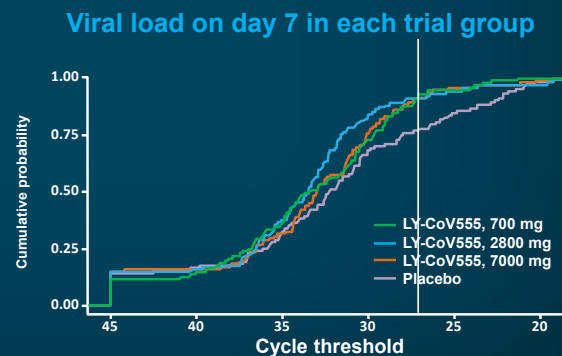
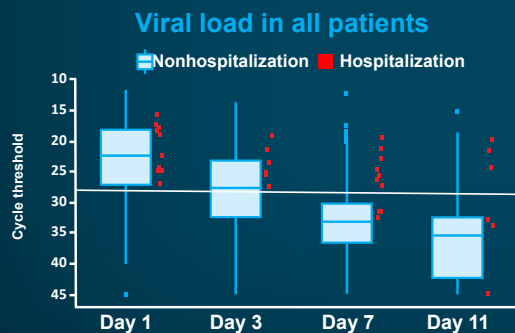


- Symptom scores ranged from 0 to 24 and included eight domains, each of which was graded on a scale of 0 (no symptoms) to 3 (severe symptoms)

Chen P, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Oct 28: Epub ahead of print.

## BLAZE-1: Viral Loads Over Time

- Correlation between high viral load and hospitalization
- At day 7, the frequency of hospitalization was 12% (7 of 56 patients) among those who had a Ct value of less than 27.5, as compared with a frequency of 0.9% (3 of 340 patients) among those with a lower viral load.

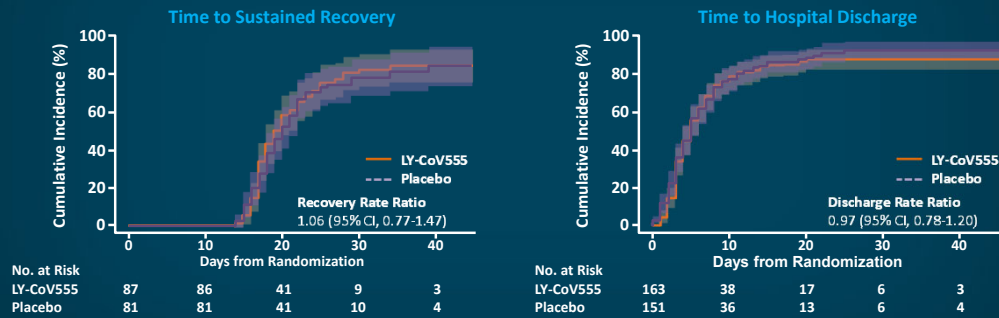


Ct = PCR cycle threshold (higher viral load = lower Ct value).

Chen P, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Oct 28: Epub ahead of print.

## ACTIV-3 Trial: Bamlanivimab in Hospitalized Patients

- Hospitalized patients were randomized to receive bamlanivimab or placebo in addition to high-quality supportive care, including remdesivir and, when indicated, supplemental oxygen and glucocorticoids



- Trial was paused when bamlanivimab was not shown to improve outcomes in hospitalized patients with COVID-19 who did not have end-organ failure

ACTIV-3/TICO LY-CoV555 Study Group. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Dec 22: Epub ahead of print.

## COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Resource Guide National Infusion Center Association

- Infusion center locator
- Resources for providers
  - Bamlanivimab Playbook
  - Casirivimab + Imdevimab Guidebook
- Patient education resources
- Treatment indication checklist
- Plus other resources

**NICA NATIONAL INFUSION CENTER ASSOCIATION**

### COVID-19 ANTIBODY TREATMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

The National Infusion Center Association has developed the resources described below to support prescribers, infusion providers, and patients in the safe and efficient use of COVID-19 antibody treatments. These resources can be found in the [COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Resource Center](#).

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#### Locating Sites of Care

[NICA COVID-19 Locator](#)

Use NICA's COVID-19 Locator Tool to identify sites of care administering COVID-19 antibody therapies.

**Prescribers & Patients:**

- Simply enter your city and state or your zip code and click "search"
- Click on a location to view site details including phone number, hours of operation, website, amenities, and more.
- If results do not populate for the area searched, try widening the search radius. If there are still no results to display, contact your local/regional health authorities as your state may not have opted into our locator program yet.

**Infusion Providers:**

- Be sure patients can find your infusion site by "claiming" your location and adding pertinent details to the profile like phone number, hours of operation, amenities, and more.
- Consider using the URL field to direct prescribers and patients to pertinent information on your center's website, such as patient arrival instructions, required forms, etc.
- If you need assistance claiming your center or building out your profile, email [covid19@infusioncenter.org](mailto:covid19@infusioncenter.org)

**HHS Protect Public Data Hub, Therapeutics Distribution Locations**

This national map is maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services and displays locations that have received shipments of COVID-19 antibody therapies.

- If results do not populate for the area searched, try widening the search radius. If there are still no results to display, contact your local/regional health authorities as your state may not have opted to have their locations displayed.
- It is important to note that locations are displayed based on the address where medication was shipped (e.g., centralized pharmacy, warehouse) and may not reflect the location/address where patient care is provided.

### Case Study 3: Gary

- Gary is a 67-year-old man who presents to the ED with cough, nausea, and shortness of breath. His SpO<sub>2</sub> is 92%.
- He reports that his shortness of breath has progressively worsened since his COVID-19 diagnosis 13 days ago.
- His past medical history is significant for diabetes and a prior myocardial infarction.
- **Is Gary a candidate for monoclonal antibody therapy?**
  - A. Yes, he should receive monoclonal antibody therapy.
  - B. No, he should not receive monoclonal antibody therapy.

ED = emergency department.

### Is Gary a Candidate for Monoclonal Antibody Therapy?

- Monoclonal antibodies are authorized for use within 10 days of symptom onset in patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.
- Gary is not a candidate since he has severe COVID-19 (SpO<sub>2</sub> <94% on room air) and his symptoms began 13 days ago.

	Disease Characteristics—NIH
Mild illness	Various symptoms (eg, fever, cough, sore throat, headache, malaise, muscle pain) without shortness of breath, dyspnea, or abnormal chest imaging
Moderate illness	SpO <sub>2</sub> ≥94% on room air and lower respiratory disease evidenced by clinical assessment or imaging
Severe illness	SpO <sub>2</sub> <94% on room air, PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub> <300, respiratory rate >30 breaths/min, or lung infiltrates >50%
Critical illness	Respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiorgan dysfunction

Casirivimab and imdevimab EUA. ([www.fda.gov/media/143892/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/143892/download)). Bamlanivimab EUA. (<http://pi.lilly.com/eua/bamlanivimab-eua-factsheet-hcp.pdf>). <https://files.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/guidelines/covid19treatmentguidelines.pdf> URLs accessed 1/18/2021.

## Management of Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19

### IDSA: Recommended Treatment Options

Treatment Option	Guidance
Remdesivir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommended for hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19</li><li>• Most benefit seen in those with severe COVID-19 on supplemental oxygen rather than patients on mechanical ventilation or ECMO</li><li>• 5 days of treatment recommended for patients on supplemental oxygen</li><li>• 10 days of treatment recommended for patients on mechanical ventilation or ECMO</li></ul>
Glucocorticoids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommended for hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19</li><li>• Dexamethasone 6 mg IV or PO for 10 days or equivalent</li><li>• Not recommended for hospitalized patients without hypoxemia (SpO<sub>2</sub> &gt;94%) requiring supplemental oxygen</li></ul>

IDSA = Infectious Diseases Society of America; PO = by mouth; ECMO = extracorporeal membrane oxygenation.

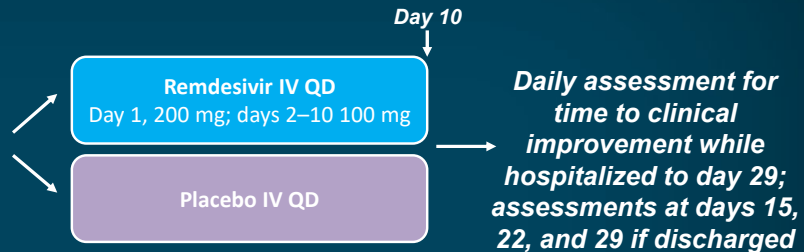
Bhimraj A, et al. IDSA Guidelines. V3.5.1. (<https://www.idsociety.org/practice-guideline/covid-19-guideline-treatment-and-management/>).

## Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial (NIAID ACTT-1): Trial Design

- Multicenter, adaptive, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial

### Inclusion criteria (N = 1062)

- Adult patients ≥18 years of age
- Hospitalized with symptoms of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 infection and ≥1 of following:
  - Radiographic infiltrates by imaging
  - SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤94% on room air
  - Requiring supplemental oxygen
  - Requiring mechanical ventilation



- Primary endpoint: time to recovery by day 29 according to 8-point ordinal scale
- Secondary endpoints: treatment-related improvements in ordinal scale at day 15

QD = each day.

Beigel JH, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1813-1826.

## COVID-19 Clinical Status Ordinal Scale

Clinical Status Ordinal Scale	Clinical Status Description for Assessment
1	Not hospitalized, no limitations on activities
2	Not hospitalized, limitation on activities, and/or requiring home oxygen
3	Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen, and no longer requires ongoing medical care (if hospitalization extended for infection-control purposes)
4	Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen; requiring ongoing medical care (COVID-19 related or otherwise)
5	Hospitalized, requiring supplemental oxygen
6	Hospitalized, on noninvasive ventilation or high-flow oxygen devices
7	Hospitalized, on invasive mechanical ventilation or ECMO
8	Death

Beigel JH, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1813-1826.



## Remdesivir: NIAID ACTT Clinical Trial

- 1062 patients in 68 sites randomized 1:1 to remdesivir or placebo
- Independent data safety monitoring board found that remdesivir shortened time to recovery compared with placebo

	Remdesivir	Placebo	P-value
<b>Time to recovery (n ≈ 400)</b>	<b>11 days</b>	<b>15 days</b>	<b>P &lt; .001</b>
<b>Mortality (n = 1057)</b>	6.7% day 15 11.4% day 29	11.9% day 15 15.2% day 29	P = .07 (day 29)



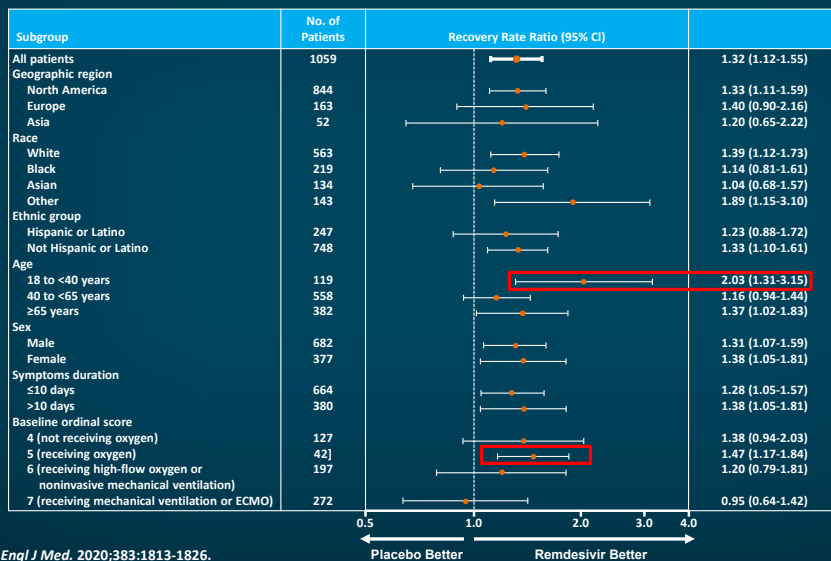
An ICU bed becomes available  
4 days earlier  
Benefit is in early disease



A 3.6% mortality benefit  
(or a 31% reduction in mortality)  
Claimed by investigators, but not statistically significant

NIAID = National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.  
Beigel JH et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1813-1826 plus supplement.

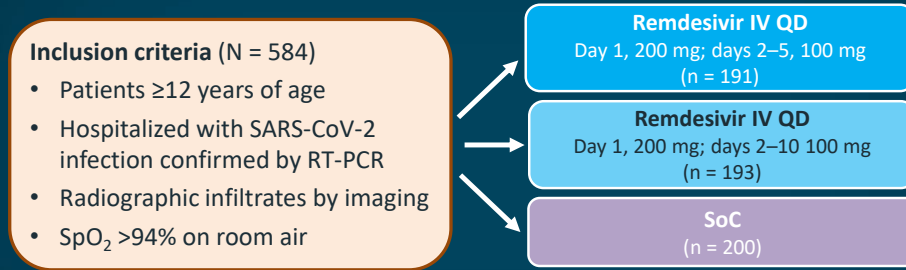
## Remdesivir: NIAID ACTT Clinical Trial Time to Recovery According to Subgroup



Beigel JH et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383:1813-1826.

## SIMPLE-Moderate Study: Trial Design

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase 3 trial of remdesivir in patients with moderate COVID-19



- Primary endpoint: improvement on 7-point ordinal scale on day 11
- Secondary endpoint: treatment-emergent adverse events

RT-PCR = reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction; SoC = standard of care.  
Spinner CD, et al. *JAMA*. 2020;324:1048-1057.

## SIMPLE-Moderate Study: Efficacy

Patients receiving 5-day remdesivir were 65% more likely to have clinical improvement at day 11 vs SoC (OR = 1.65; 95% CI: 1.09–2.48; *P* = .017)

- No significant improvement noted with 10-day remdesivir vs SoC; OR = 1.31; 95% CI, 0.88–1.95; *P* = .18)

Clinical efficacy at day 11	Remdesivir 5-Day (n = 191) n (%)	Remdesivir 10-Day (n = 193) n (%)	SoC (n = 200) n (%)
Clinical improvement	134 (70)	126 (65)	121 (61)
Requiring any oxygen support	12 (6)	13 (7)	22 (11)
Recovery	141 (74)	132 (68)	128 (64)
Death	0	2 (1)	4 (2)

OR = odds ratio.

Spinner CD, et al. *JAMA*. 2020;324:1048-1057.

## RECOVERY Trial Design

- Eligible patients (hospitalized with clinically suspected or laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection) were randomized to:

No additional treatment

Dexamethasone

Hydroxychloroquine

Lopinavir/ritonavir

Azithromycin

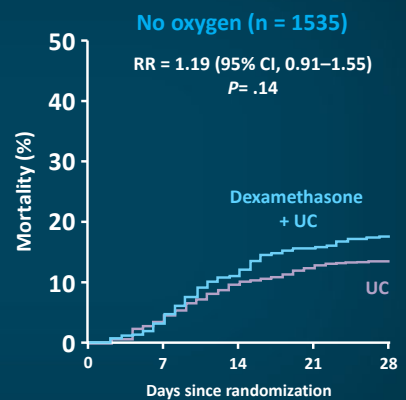
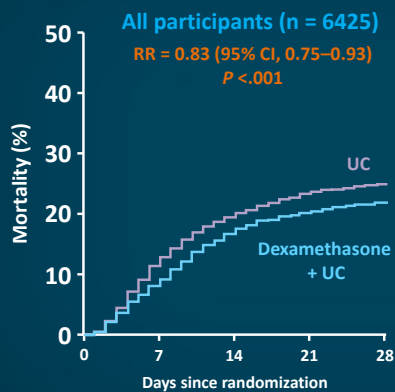
- Factorial design with simultaneous randomization to no additional therapy or **convalescent plasma**
- Patients with progressive disease (hypoxia and an inflammatory state) may undergo second randomization to no additional treatment or **tocilizumab**
- Primary endpoint: 28-day mortality

Randomized Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy—RECOVERY ([www.recoverytrial.net/files/recovery-protocol-v7-0-2020-06-18.pdf](http://www.recoverytrial.net/files/recovery-protocol-v7-0-2020-06-18.pdf)). Accessed 10/31/2020.

## RECOVERY Trial

### Mortality With **Dexamethasone** + UC vs UC Alone

2104 patients randomized to dexamethasone 6 mg QD for up to 10 days; 4321 patients received UC alone

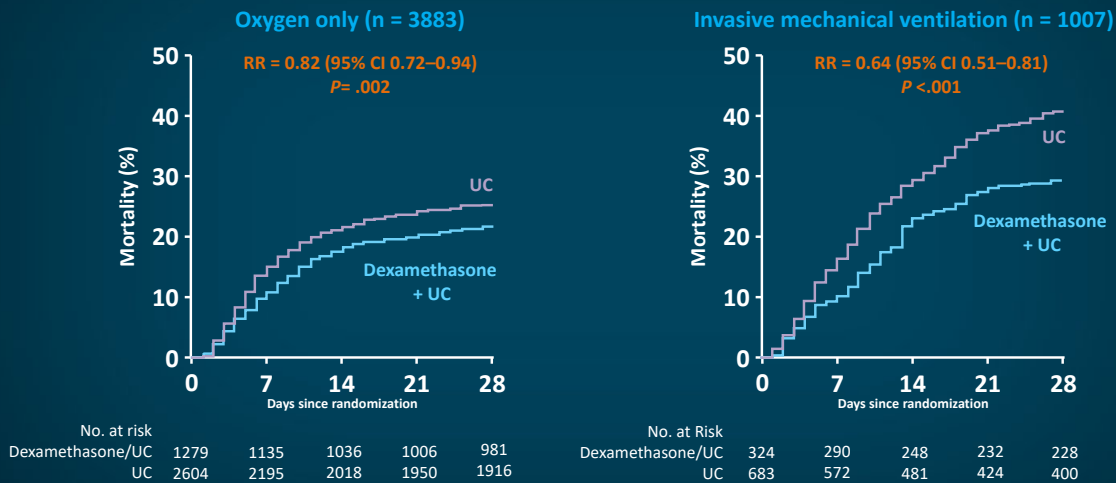


UC = usual care; RR = relative risk.

Horby P, et al; RECOVERY Collaborative Group. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;Jul 17:Epub ahead of print.

## RECOVERY Trial

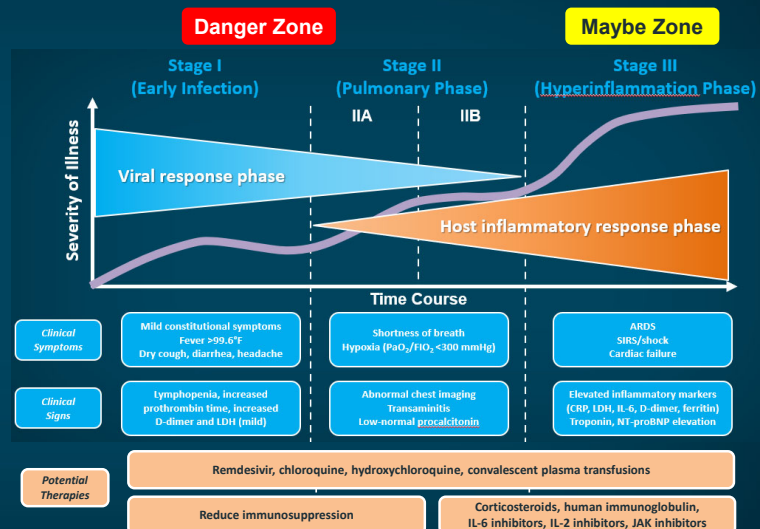
### Mortality in Patients On Oxygen or Mechanical Ventilation ± Dexamethasone



Horby P, et al; RECOVERY Collaborative Group. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Jul 17:Epub ahead of print.

## Corticosteroids for Respiratory Syndromes

- Corticosteroid use for SARS and MERS patients
  - Higher plasma RNA levels at weeks 2–3 into illness (likely prolonged viremia)
  - Increased 30-day mortality (**adjusted OR = 1.87, 95% CI, 1.02–3.44**).
- Corticosteroid use for severe influenza pneumonia
  - Higher rates of secondary bacterial infection and mortality (**OR = 3.06, 95% CI, 1.58–5.92**)

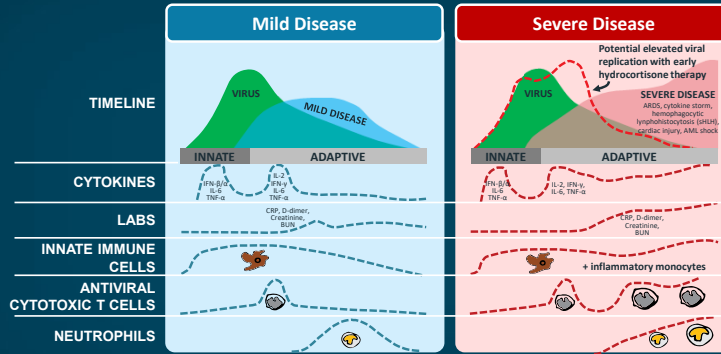


SARS = severe acute respiratory syndrome; MERS = Middle East respiratory syndrome.

Arabi YM et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2018;197:757-767. Rodrigo C, et al. *Cochrane Database Syst Rev.* 2016;3:CD010406. Adapted from Siddiqi HK, Mehra MR. *J Heart Lung Transplant.* 2020;39:405-407.

# Corticosteroids for COVID-19

What is the immune response to SARS-CoV-2, and how does this inform our treatment strategies?



Current evidence **DOES NOT** support early corticosteroid use in mild-moderate COVID-19 without comorbidities.

Thevarajan I, et al. *Nat Med.* 2020;26:453-455. Wang D, et al. *JAMA.* 2020;323:1061-1069. Ruan Q, et al. *Intensive Care Med.* 2020;Mar 3: 1-3. Lee N, et al. *J Clin Virol.* 2004;31:304-309. Chen J, et al. *J Virol.* 2010;84:1289-1301. Russell CD, et al. *Lancet.* 2020;395:473-475. Liao M, et al. *MedRxiv.* 2020.

## EUAs for Hospitalized Patients

## ACCT-2: Baricitinib Plus Remdesivir in Hospitalized Patients

### Inclusion criteria:

- ≥18 years
- Hospitalized with COVID-19
- ≥1 of the following criteria:
  - Radiographic infiltrates by imaging
  - SpO<sub>2</sub> ≤94% on room air
  - Supplemental oxygen, mechanical ventilation, or ECMO

N = 1033

Baricitinib (≤14 days) plus remdesivir (≤10 days)  
(n = 515)

Placebo plus remdesivir (≤10 days)  
(n = 518)

- Primary outcome: time to recovery
- Key secondary outcome: clinical status at day 15

Kalil AC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Epub ahead of print.

## ACTT-2: Ordinal Scale

### Ordinal Scale Used for Outcome Measures

#### Recovered

1	Not hospitalized, no limitations on activities
2	Not hospitalized, limitation on activities and/or requiring home oxygen
3	Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen—no longer requiring ongoing medical care

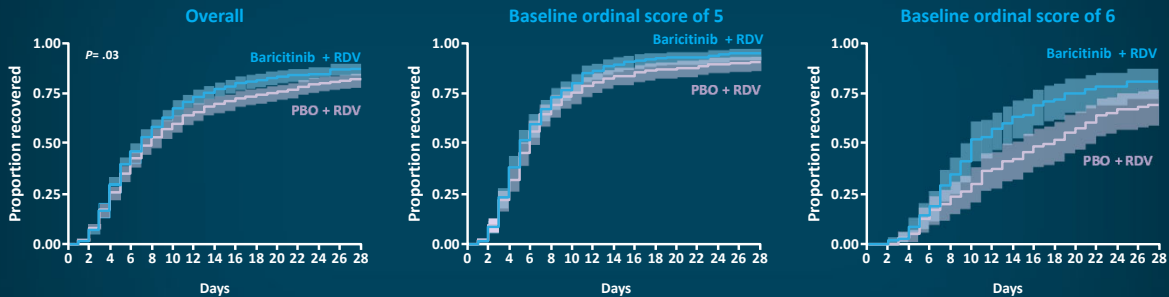
#### Population enrolled

4	Hospitalized, not requiring supplemental oxygen—requiring ongoing medical care
5	Hospitalized, requiring supplemental oxygen
6	Hospitalized, on non-invasive ventilation or high-flow oxygen devices
7	Hospitalized, on mechanical ventilation or ECMO
8	<b>Death</b>

Kalil AC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Dec 11;Epub ahead of print.

## Baricitinib Plus Remdesivir: Recovery Time

- Recovery time was reduced with baricitinib vs placebo (7 days vs 8 days; rate ratio for recovery = 1.16; 95% CI, 1.01–1.32;  $P = .03$ )



- Time to recovery was significantly lower with baricitinib in patients receiving high-flow oxygen or noninvasive ventilation at enrollment (10 days vs 18 days; rate ratio for recovery = 1.51)

RDV = remdesivir.

Kalil AC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Dec 11:Epub ahead of print.

## Baricitinib Plus Remdesivir: Results

- Baricitinib was associated with 30% higher odds of improvement in clinical status at day 15 (OR = 1.3)
- 28-day mortality was 5.1% in the combination group and 7.8% in the control group (HR for death = 0.65)

Overall Outcomes		
Outcomes	Baricitinib + RDV (n = 515)	Placebo + RDV (n = 518)
<b>Recovery</b>		
No. of recoveries	433	406
Median time to recovery (95% CI), days	7 (6–8)	8 (7–9)
Rate ratio (95% CI)	1.16 (1.01–1.32), $P = .03$	
<b>Mortality over first 14 days</b>		
No. of deaths by day 14	8	15
Kaplan-Meier estimate of mortality by day 14, % (95% CI)	1.6 (0.8–3.2)	3.0 (1.8–5.0)
HR (95% CI) for data through day 14	0.54 (0.23–1.28)	
<b>Mortality over entire trial period</b>		
No. of deaths by day 28	24	37
Kaplan-Meier estimate of mortality by day 28, % (95% CI)	5.1 (3.5–7.6)	7.8 (5.7–10.6)
HR (95% CI)	0.65 (0.39–1.09)	

Kalil AC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Dec 11:Epub ahead of print.

## ACTT-2: Adverse Events

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events in ACTT-2		
	Baricitinib + RDV (n = 508) No. (%)	Placebo + RDV (n = 509) No. (%)
Grade 3 or 4 AEs	207 (40.7)	238 (46.8)
Hyperglycemia	25 (4.9)	40 (7.9)
Anemia	25 (4.9)	33 (6.5)
Decreased lymphocyte count	24 (4.7)	35 (6.9)
Acute kidney injury	20 (3.9)	36 (7.1)
Venous thromboembolism	21 (4.1)	16 (3.1)

AE = adverse event.

Kalil AC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;Dec 11:Epub ahead of print supplement.

## Emergency Use Authorization for Baricitinib

- Baricitinib plus remdesivir was authorized for emergency use in hospitalized adults and pediatric patients  $\geq 2$  years of age requiring supplemental oxygen, invasive mechanical ventilation, or ECMO with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- Recommended dosage:
  - Patients  $\geq 9$  years of age: 4 mg baricitinib once daily
  - Patients 2 to 9 years of age: 2 mg baricitinib once daily
- Recommended treatment duration is 14 days or until hospital discharge, whichever comes first
- Evaluate baseline eGFR, liver enzymes, and complete blood count to determine treatment suitability and dose

eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Baricitinib EUA. ([www.fda.gov/media/143823/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/143823/download)). Accessed 1/18/2021.



## Case Study 4: Tom

- Tom is a 66-year-old man with diabetes and COPD who presents to the ED with increasing weakness and progressive exertional dyspnea. His SpO<sub>2</sub> was 92% on room air at arrival, and he was admitted.
- His O<sub>2</sub> saturation would remain >90% while at rest, but Tom would desaturate to 88% while ambulating.
- He was placed on supplemental oxygen.
- **Which of the following is NOT an option to treat Tom's COVID-19?**
  - A. Baricitinib plus remdesivir for 14 days
  - B. Dexamethasone for 5 days
  - C. Remdesivir for 5 days

## Treatment Options for Hospitalized Patient with COVID-19

Treatment Option	Guidance
Remdesivir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended for hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19</li> <li>• Most benefit seen in those with severe COVID-19 on supplemental oxygen rather than patients on mechanical ventilation or ECMO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 days of treatment recommended for patients on supplemental oxygen</li> <li>- 10 days of treatment recommended for patients on mechanical ventilation or ECMO</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommended daily monitoring: serum chemistries, hematology, ALT, AST, renal function tests, bilirubin, ALP</li> <li>• Discontinue immediately at signs of clinically significant infusion reaction or if ALT ≥5 x ULN</li> </ul>
Glucocorticoids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended for hospitalized patients with severe COVID-19</li> <li>• Dexamethasone 6 mg IV or PO or equivalent for 10 days</li> <li>• Not recommended for hospitalized patients without hypoxemia requiring supplemental oxygen</li> </ul>
Baricitinib plus remdesivir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized for emergency use in hospitalized adults and pediatric patients ≥2 years of age requiring supplemental oxygen, invasive mechanical ventilation, or ECMO with suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> <li>• Recommended dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Patients ≥9 years of age: 4 mg baricitinib once daily</li> <li>- Patients 2 to 9 years of age: 2 mg baricitinib once daily</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recommended treatment duration is 14 days or until hospital discharge, whichever comes first</li> <li>• Evaluate baseline eGFR, liver enzymes, and complete blood count to determine treatment suitability and dose</li> </ul>

ALT = alanine aminotransferase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase; ALP = alkaline phosphatase; ULN = upper limit of normal.

Bhimraj A, et al. IDSA Guidelines. V2.1.0 ([www.idsociety.org/COVID19guidelines](http://www.idsociety.org/COVID19guidelines)). Remdesivir EUA provider fact sheet. Baricitinib EUA provider fact sheet. Accessed 1/18/2021.

## Summary

- Bamlanivimab and casirivimab/imdevimab have emergency use authorization for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in patients  $\geq 12$  years (and  $\geq 40$  kg) who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 or hospitalization
  - mAbs against SARS-CoV-2 reduced the risk of COVID-19-related hospitalization
  - These therapies may be associated with worse clinical outcomes in hospitalized COVID-19 patients requiring high-flow oxygen or mechanical ventilation
  - Therapy should be provided as soon as possible and within 10 days of symptoms onset
- Baricitinib plus remdesivir authorized for emergency use in hospitalized adults and pediatric patients  $\geq 2$  years of age requiring supplemental oxygen, invasive mechanical ventilation, or ECMO with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
  - Recommended treatment duration is 14 days or until hospital discharge, whichever comes first
  - Baricitinib plus remdesivir associated with improvements in recovery time

Thank you!

## COVID-19 Frontline

### A Light in the Darkness: New Virus-neutralizing Monoclonal Antibodies and Other Point-of-Care Therapies Recently Granted Emergency Use Authorizations for Patients with COVID-19

Resource	Address
National Infusion Center Association (NICA). <b>COVID-19 Antibody Therapies Resource Center</b> . Accessed January 21, 2021.	<a href="https://infusioncenter.org/infusion_resources/covid-19-antibody-treatment-resource-center/">https://infusioncenter.org/infusion_resources/covid-19-antibody-treatment-resource-center/</a>
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For more information from the National Infusion Center Association, please visit: <https://infusioncenter.org/>



## COVID-19 ANTIBODY TREATMENT RESOURCE GUIDE

The National Infusion Center Association has developed the resources described below to support prescribers, infusion providers, and patients in the safe and efficient use of COVID-19 antibody treatments. These resources can be found in the [COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Resource Center](#).

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### Locating Sites of Care

#### [NICA COVID-19 Locator](#)

Use NICA's COVID-19 Locator Tool to identify sites of care administering COVID-19 antibody therapies.

##### Prescribers & Patients:

- Simply enter your city and state or your zip code and click "search"
- Click on a location to view site details including phone number, hours of operation, website, amenities, and more.
- If results do not populate for the area searched, try widening the search radius. If there are still no results to display, contact your local/regional health authorities as your state may not have opted into our locator program yet.

##### Infusion Providers:

- Be sure patients can find your infusion site by "claiming" your location and adding pertinent details to the profile like phone number, hours of operation, amenities, and more.
- Consider using the URL field to direct prescribers and patients to pertinent information on your center's website, such as patient arrival instructions, required forms, etc.
- If you need assistance claiming your center or building out your profile, email [covid19@infusioncenter.org](mailto:covid19@infusioncenter.org).

#### [HHS Protect Public Data Hub: Therapeutics Distribution Locations](#)

This national map is maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services and displays locations that have received shipments of COVID-19 antibody therapies.

- If results do not populate for the area searched, try widening the search radius. If there are still no results to display, contact your local/regional health authorities as your state may not have opted to have their locations displayed.
- It is important to note that locations are displayed based on the address where medication was *shipped* (e.g., centralized pharmacy, warehouse) and may not reflect the location/address where patient care is provided.

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### [Resources for Prescribers](#)

#### [COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Indication Checklist](#)

This checklist is intended to help prescribers determine if treatment with COVID-19 antibodies is authorized for use in accordance with the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requirements.

- If COVID-19 antibody treatment is not indicated, the checklist can be included in the medical record to document the clinical decision-making process.
- If COVID-19 antibody treatment is indicated, the checklist can accompany the medication order to document eligibility criteria and support medical necessity.†

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† Individual infusion site documentation requirements may vary

## COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Order Set

An order set is developed for each approved COVID-19 antibody therapy and serves as the prescription for treatment.

- Facilitates proper prescribing by capturing the necessary elements of a valid, complete COVID-19 antibody treatment infusion order
- Captures criteria for authorized use mandatory reporting requirements per EUA.
- Guides infusion clinician in safe administration by prompting best practices and adherence to administration requirements.
- Supports continuity of care by prompting the infusion provider to send records of completed treatment to the prescriber.

## Coding Guide

List of common diagnosis codes that may apply to eligible patients.‡

- Provides prescriber with easy access to codes needed to complete order set and indications checklist
- ICD-10 data helps public health officials understand which patient populations are receiving COVID-19 therapeutics to support efforts aimed at equitable allocation and distribution of COVID-19 therapeutics.

## Referral Checklist

Many HCPs prescribing COVID-19 antibody treatments may be unfamiliar with the infusion referral process. As COVID-19 antibody treatments are thought to be most effective when given as early as possible in the disease course, it is critical to streamline the referral process to reduce unnecessary delays to expedite access to treatment and optimize outcomes. This checklist provides a template overview of necessary steps to refer a patient for COVID-19 antibody treatment.

- Infusion sites of care are encouraged to download and modify this checklist to create a custom checklist including any unique, site-specific requirements.

## Patient Education: Preparing for a COVID-19 Antibody Infusion

Prescribers can provide and review this handout with patients to help them understand and prepare for their infusion to promote treatment acceptance and adherence.

- Includes a field for prescriber to indicate facility name and phone number where referral/order was sent, with instruction for patient to call if they have not received an appointment promptly. This is intended to reduce treatment delays or patients “timing out” of treatment eligibility due to communication challenges.

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## Resources for Infusion Providers

### Casirivimab + Imdevimab Flowsheet / Bamlanivimab Flowsheet

The flowsheet, sometimes called a treatment note, is used to document all care associated with administration of COVID-19 antibody therapies.

- Guides the clinician to follow industry standards and best practices as well as adhere to administration and documentation requirements under the EUA.

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‡ This is not an all-inclusive list of diagnoses meeting EUA criteria for high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization.

- Provides a detailed record to fax to the referring prescriber for inclusion in the patient's medical record
- Especially helpful for temporary sites of care or other infusion providers using paper documentation.

### **Drip Rate Tables**

In sites of care administering infusions by gravity (as opposed to with an infusion pump or other rate-control device), HCPs will be required to calculate the appropriate drip rate using the volume to be infused and drop factor of the administration set used (infusion tubing). As many HCPs may be unfamiliar with the calculations required, these tables provide the appropriate drip rates for administration of both products using administration sets with any drop factor.

### **Casirivimab + Imdevimab Medication Safety Alert**

Casirivimab and Imdevimab are supplied in multiple packaging configurations and have unique preparation requirements that may increase risk for medication errors.

- Provides considerations and strategies to reinforce use of proper quantities/combinations of product to prepare a single dose.

### **Patient Education: COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Discharge Instructions**

This patient handout explains signs and symptoms to watch for and report following a COVID-19 antibody infusion.

- Provides home care instructions for discomfort at the IV site
- Reinforces the need to continue isolation to prevent disease transmission
- Lists emergency warning signs that necessitate seeking medical attention

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## **Additional Resources**

### **[NICA Standards for In-Office Infusion](#)**

View NICA's minimum standards for the administration of intravenous and injectable medication in an outpatient setting.

### **[Eli Lilly Bamlanivimab Playbook](#)**

NICA collaborated with Eli Lilly to develop this playbook with in-depth information about preparation and administration of bamlanivimab as well as other considerations for operationalizing an infusion site.

### **[Regeneron Casirivimab + Imdevimab Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) Guidebook](#)**

NICA collaborated with Regeneron to develop this playbook with in-depth information about preparation and administration of casirivimab + imdevimab as well as other considerations for operationalizing an infusion site.

### **[Report an Adverse Event to MedWatch](#)**

Healthcare providers must submit a report on all medication errors and all serious adverse events potentially related to COVID-19 antibody therapy.

### **[Multilingual COVID-19 Resources](#)**

The CDC has developed the COVID-19 Communication Toolkit: For Migrants, Refugees, and Other Limited-English-Proficient Populations in various languages. Resources are available in Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Hmoob (Hmong), Af Soomaali (Somali), and Vietnamese.