

Xevudy for COVID-19

You have been given a medicine for COVID-19. It is called Xevudy. This medicine can stop you from getting very sick or needing to go to hospital. This factsheet explains the medicine and how to use it.

What do I need to know?

Brand name	Xevudy (ze-VU-dee)
Active ingredients	Sotrovimab (so-TRO-vee-mab)
What kind is it?	A drip (infusion), usually into your arm.
Where do I get it?	It's given by a healthcare person at a hospital or clinic.
How long does it take?	You get the drip once only. It takes about 30 minutes.
What happens after the drip?	You will need to stay at the hospital or clinic and be checked by a healthcare person for an hour after having the drip. This is to make sure you don't have an allergic reaction.
	A healthcare person will check you are feeling ok before you can leave.

My appointment

Address: Time to arrive: Other instructions:
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If I feel unwell I should contact
Name:
Number:
Address:
Email:

How can it help?

In research, people given this medicine were more likely to feel better than those who did not take it. The medicine stopped some people who had COVID-19 from getting very sick and needing to go to hospital.

The medicine works best if you start taking it as soon as possible after finding out you have COVID-19. Ideally within five days of first noticing signs of sickness.

Is it safe to take?

We are still learning about this medicine, but it seems to be safe and likely to help when you have COVID-19.

Make sure you tell your doctor if you're pregnant or breastfeeding as this medicine might not be right for you.



Are there unwanted effects (side effects)?

Some people may notice mild side effects, like loose or runny poo (diarrhoea). Tell your doctor, health worker or pharmacist if you feel unwell, or if your symptoms get worse after taking the medicine.

Call the doctor, nurse, health worker or ambulance straight away if you notice signs of an allergic reaction:



Swelling in your face, tongue or throat



Feeling short of breath, wheezy, coughing or hard to swallow



Itchy skin rash (hives) or redness



Feeling weak or dizzy

Where can I find out more?

- ▶ Call the NPS Medicines Line on 1300 633 424
- ▶ Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker or Practitioner

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