

# COUNSELING PATIENTS ON COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENT

## Benefits of COVID-19 mAb Treatment for Outpatient, Symptomatic COVID-19

- Reduces risk of hospitalizations and deaths by 70%
- Decreases symptoms by up to four days
- Effective against Delta variant
- Effective in unvaccinated persons

### Example language for patient counseling:



This is an antibody treatment. Antibodies are what our own bodies make to fight infection, but it takes some time for those to be made. This treatment is antibodies that are made in a lab. These antibodies can start fighting the infection right away. The benefits are you feel better faster. Most people start to feel better in 1-2 days.

**For Intravenous (IV):** An IV is placed in a vein, and the medication is given over 20-30 minutes. It is very similar to getting IV fluids.

**For Subcutaneous (SC):** The medication can be given as an injection under the skin, much like insulin. The injection feels like a poke or a pinch. This is done at four different body sites. The injections take about five minutes total.

No matter which route you get, there is an hour observation period to look for any side effects. Side effects happen in fewer than 1 in 100 people who get this treatment. The most common side effects are dizziness, nausea, headache, or rash. Infusion-related reactions are rare but it can cause flushing, itching, shortness of breath, or low blood pressure. There are also potential side effects of receiving any medication, including redness, pain/soreness around the IV site or injection site.

Altogether, this takes about 1.5-2 hours.



### Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents and Caregivers Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

**Casirivimab and Imdevimab**

<https://www.fda.gov/media/143893/download>

**Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab**

<https://www.fda.gov/media/145803/download>

**Sotrovimab**

<https://www.fda.gov/media/149533/download>