

USE OF SOTROVIMAB (XEVDY®) IN ADULTS WITH COVID-19

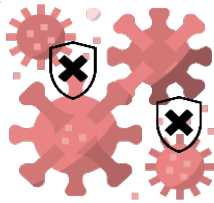
BRIEF INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS, FAMILIES AND CARERS

WHAT IS SOTROVIMAB?

Sotrovimab belongs to a group of medicines called monoclonal antibodies and has been developed for the treatment of COVID-19.

It works by binding to the spike protein of the virus that causes COVID-19.

This blocks the virus entering human cells and multiplying in the body.



WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF SOTROVIMAB FOR COVID-19?

Sotrovimab can reduce the risk of getting very sick and being admitted to hospital or dying if used within 5 days of onset of COVID-19 symptoms.

Your health care workers know when it is most likely to work and not work in the treatment of COVID-19.

WHAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN USING SOTROVIMAB IN COVID-19?

Because sotrovimab is a new medicine, information about how well it works and how safe it is, continues to be collected.

It is important you provide your formal consent before receiving sotrovimab.

You can always change your mind about sotrovimab treatment and withdraw consent at any time.

WHAT SHOULD THE DOCTOR KNOW BEFORE SOTROVIMAB IS GIVEN TO YOU?



The doctor should know about:

- any medical conditions you have (e.g. diabetes/high sugar, high blood pressure, asthma).
- any allergic reactions to medicines.
- all medicines from the chemist or health shop including vitamins, minerals, herbal or bush medicines that you are taking or have recently taken. The health care workers will check for medicine interactions before sotrovimab is started and after it is finished.
- any recent or planned vaccinations.
- whether you are pregnant or trying to get pregnant.

ARE THERE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WITH SOTROVIMAB TREATMENT?

Vaccinations



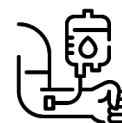
There is not much information about what effect sotrovimab may have on any recent vaccinations you have had, including any COVID-19 vaccination. Make sure you tell the health care workers about any of your recent vaccinations and any future vaccinations.

Fertility, Pregnancy and Breastfeeding

- Because COVID-19 can be very serious for pregnant women and the baby, using sotrovimab between 3 and 9 months of pregnancy may be considered. If you are pregnant, the decision to use sotrovimab will be discussed with you by your treating health care workers. Any possible harm and the likelihood of benefit to you and your baby will be considered.
- It is unknown whether sotrovimab is present in breast milk. Ask your health care worker for information and advice.
- The effect of sotrovimab on fertility is unknown.


HOW IS SOTROVIMAB GIVEN?

Sotrovimab is given ONCE only using a drip into the vein (usually in the arm). The treatment takes about 30 minutes and you will be observed by the health care worker for one hour afterwards to make sure you do not have an allergic reaction to it.





WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF SOTROVIMAB?

All medicines can have side effects but they are often not experienced. Sometimes they are serious, but most of the time they are not and disappear when treatment is stopped. Some side effects may need treatment. Some side effects of sotrovimab are shown below.

Possible side effects of sotrovimab	What to do 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin redness or rash • Diarrhoea 	Tell the health care worker if these symptoms occur and they can help treat them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-allergy reactions while you are receiving the sotrovimab infusion; symptoms may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fever or chills, ○ chest pain or pressure, ○ fast, slow, or abnormal heartbeat, ○ upset stomach, ○ headache or dizziness ○ throat irritation or shortness of breath ○ itchiness and rash 	Immediately tell the health care worker if these symptoms occur.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergic reactions; symptoms may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ feeling short of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing ○ swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body ○ severe skin rash, itching, hives 	Immediately tell the health care worker if these symptoms occur.

Please note: This is not a complete list of all possible side effects. Your health care worker can provide a more complete list. Report any side effects to the health care worker.

If you are experiencing any side effects, including any of the ones listed above or are feeling unwell in any way, please call the health care worker on the phone number below for advice.

 Name of health care worker to call:	
 Telephone number:	

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This Information Leaflet is provided to support clinicians if sotrovimab is used outside a trial setting.

See <https://www.nswtag.org.au/covid-19-medicines-resources/> for further details.

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