



VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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Initiating Medication Therapy to Treat COVID-19 Infections

Purpose:

This guideline ensures a safe and standardized approach to initiating medication therapies to treat COVID-19 infections.

Procedure:

When the patient care team determines that medication therapy is desired to treat COVID-19 infection, the following steps shall be followed:

- A. Contact the Infectious Disease team.
 1. All medications that are ordered with the purpose of treating COVID-19 infection are restricted and required approval from the Infectious Disease team. These medications include:
 - a. Remdesivir
 - b. Tocilizumab
 2. No doses shall be dispensed from the pharmacy until there is approval from the Infectious Disease team.
- B. If the Infectious Disease team approves the use of medication therapy for treatment of COVID-19 infection, obtain patient consent using *Attachment A & B Patient Consent Form for COVID-19 Treatment*.
 1. If remdesivir is used for COVID-19 treatment, provide a copy of *Attachment C & D Remdesivir Fact Sheet* to the patient.
- C. Once the *Patient Consent Form for COVID-19 Treatment* is completed, an order for the desired medication therapy may be submitted for pharmacy review.
- D. Refer to *Attachment E VCMC & SPH Management Guidelines* for COVID-19 management guidelines.

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Attachments

[Attachment A Patient Consent Form For COVID-19 Treatment \(English\)](#)

Attachment B Patient Consent Form For COVID-19 Treatment (Spanish)
Attachment C Remdesivir Fact Sheet (English)
Attachment D Remdesivir Fact Sheet (Spanish)
Attachment E VCMC & SPH COVID-19 Management Guidelines

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