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. Hydroxychloroquine
      b. Chloroquine
      c. Azithromycin
      d. Tocilizumab
      e. Lopinavir + ritonavir
      f. Darunavir + cobicistat
      g. Interferon beta-1b
   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.