

Remdesivir



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Remdesivir is an antiviral medicine given to some people to help fight a COVID-19 virus infection. It may help you get better faster and stay out of hospital.

Remdesivir is only useful when given within 7 days of the start of your COVID-19 illness. Your healthcare team will decide whether you need it or not.

Remdesivir is given by slow injection



Remdesivir is given ONCE a day, usually for 3 days.



It is given into your vein (called an intravenous infusion), over 30 to 120 minutes.



You'll usually get the infusion at your local hospital or in a local health centre.

Monitoring during infusion

For some people remdesivir may cause a reaction, so you will be carefully monitored during the infusion and for a short period afterwards.

Tell your doctor or nurse if you have any of the following symptoms:

- sweating or shivering
- nausea, vomiting
- dizziness when standing up
- rash, wheezing or shortness of breath
- swelling of the face, throat, tongue, lips or eyes.

Your doctor or nurse may need to slow down your infusion or stop your treatment.

All medicines have some side effects

Remdesivir can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

Common side effects

These are usually mild and go away with time or when the medicine is stopped. Tell your doctor if these side effects cause you problems or don't go away:

- feeling sick (nausea)
- headache
- rash.

Rare, serious side effects

Call **111** for an ambulance if you notice **signs of an allergic reaction such as** severe skin rash, puffiness or swelling of the eyelids or around the eyes, face, lips or tongue.

Talk to your healthcare team or **Healthline on 0800 611 116** if you notice **signs of liver problems such as** yellow eyes or skin, dark pee, or pain or discomfort in the upper stomach area.

Tell them you are taking remdesivir.