

Monoclonal Antibody FAQs

- *Can I have this infusion if I am vaccinated/just had booster?*

Yes

- *Can I have this infusion if I just had the monoclonal antibody less than 6 months ago?*

Yes

- *How much will the treatment cost me?*

The drug is provided by the government, and you will not be charged for the drug; your insurance will be billed for other infusion fees.

- *Which drug will I be receiving?*

- Bamlanivimab/Etesevimab

<http://pi.lilly.com/eua/bam-and-ete-eua-factsheet-patient.pdf>

- Casirivimab/Imdevimab

<https://www.regeneron.com/downloads/treatment-covid19-eua-fact-sheet-for-patient.pdf>

- Sotrovimab

https://gskpro.com/content/dam/global/hcpportal/en_US/Prescribing_Information/Sotrovimab/pdf/SOTROVIMAB-PATIENT-FACT-SHEET.PDF

- *What are the possible side effects of this medication?*

Allergic reactions can happen during and after an infusion of monoclonal antibody. Tell your healthcare provider if any of the following signs of allergic reaction occur:

- fever
- chills
- nausea
- headache
- shortness of breath
- low or high blood pressure
- rapid or slow heart rate
- chest discomfort or pain
- weakness
- confusion
- feeling tired
- wheezing
- swelling of the lips, face or throat
- rash including hives
- itching
- muscle aches
- feeling faint
- dizziness
- sweating
- Worsening of COVID-19 symptoms after receiving monoclonal antibody for an active infection. These could include fever, difficulty breathing, rapid or slow heart rate, tiredness, weakness or confusion. If these occur, contact your healthcare provider or seek immediate medical attention as some of these symptoms have required hospitalization. It is unknown if these symptoms are related to treatment or are due to the progression of COVID-19.
- Side effects of getting any medicine by vein may include brief pain, bleeding, bruising of the skin, soreness, swelling, and possible infection at the infusion site.
- Side effects of getting any medicine by subcutaneous injection may include pain, bruising of the skin, soreness, swelling, and possible infection at the injection site.

- *How long does the infusion take?*

You will be there about 1.5 hours. Medication takes about 30 minutes to infuse then you will be monitored for 1 hour before leaving the treatment site.

- *Will this shorten my quarantine and cure me of COVID-19?*

No, this will not shorten quarantine, but it will help your body fight the virus and likely keep you out of the hospital.

- *When will I get a call for appointment?*

Appointments are made based on date of symptom onset as well as other met criteria. You will receive a call with the first appointment available at any NMHS location giving the monoclonal antibody treatment.

For more information on monoclonal antibody treatment, visit www.nmhs.net/coronavirus-updates

