

Drugs and COVID-19

Clinical studies are trying to find out if there are drugs that are effective and safe to treat or prevent COVID-19. Here's what we know so far about whether these medications are effective for COVID-19.



Recommended
(proven effective)



Currently not recommended
(not enough information)



Recommended against
(does not help and can cause harm)

Some patients need these medications for conditions other than COVID-19, so it is important to use these drugs wisely so that there is enough supply for everyone who needs them.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions.



SCIENCE TABLE

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Dexamethasone

Corticosteroid

Recommended in hospitalized patients requiring oxygen therapy

Tocilizumab

Immunosuppressant

Recommended in patients who are critically ill or moderately ill with worsening symptoms

Remdesivir

Antiviral

Recommended in hospitalized patients requiring oxygen therapy

Vitamins and Supplements

Vitamin C, vitamin D, zinc

Budesonide

Inhaled corticosteroid

Hydroxychloroquine

Malaria, arthritis drug

Chloroquine

Malaria drug

Lopinavir/Ritonavir

(Kaletra®) HIV drug

Ivermectin

Antiparasitic drug

Colchicine

Gout medication

Antibiotics

Drugs that kill bacteria

Antibody cocktails

Combination antibody therapies