COVID-19 Antiviral Medications

Antiviral drugs are used to treat infections caused by viruses. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued approval for use of antiviral drugs, such as Pfizer's Paxlovid, Molnupiravir and Veklury (Remdesivir), to treat COVID-19 in SARS-CoV-2-positive people at high risk of becoming seriously ill.

Medication	Paxlovid from Pfizer	Molnupiravir	Veklury (Remdesivir)
Age	12 years and over	18 years and over	12 years and over
Dosage	300 mg (two tablets) of Paxlovid plus one 100 mg Ritonavir tablet.	800 mg (four capsules) of Molnupiravir every 12 hours.	100 mg intravenous infusion (drip) every 24 hours.
Frequency of administration	Twice daily	Twice daily	Once a day
Dosage form	Tablets	Capsules	Intravenous infusion (IV)
Duration of treatment	5 days	5 days	3 days
Adverse effects	Dysgeusia (taste alteration), diarrhea, hypertension and myalgias (muscle pain).	Diarrhea, nausea and dizziness	Nausea, increased liver enzyme levels, allergic reactions, rash and sweating.
Warnings or precautions	Hepatotoxicity: increased liver enzymes, jaundice and clinical hepatitis have been reported in patients treated with the drug.	Not recommended for: Embarazadas • pregnant women • nursing mothers • people of childbearing age	Patients should be monitored during the infusion and observed for at least 1 hour after administration of the drug.

Before starting any antiviral drug, consult with your doctor or pharmacist, as the combination of drugs may result in high concentrations of the drug, which may be associated with severe reactions.

Social and Emotional Aspect
For recommendations, tools and resources on how you and your family can address the emotional and physical concerns that arise during and after the use of antipsychotic medications in minors, please visit your physician or contact the following phone lines:
Medical Advice Line 1-844-347-7801
TTY/TDD 1-844-347-7804
APS Health 787-641-9133

References:
https://www.cdc.gov/covid/treatment/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html
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