



COVID Outpatient Treatment
Referral Process and Order Form
July 6, 2022

Objective: The objective of this process is to ensure high-risk COVID outpatients receive the best available treatment based on National Institute of Health recommendations, inventory, and patient-specific factors.

Kettering Health available outpatient COVID treatments:

- Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelvir-ritonavir) (oral)
- Bebtelovimab (intravenous, single dose)
- Remdesivir (intravenous, three-day course)
- Molnupiravir (oral)

KH Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Criteria for Use:

Patient must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Positive test for SARS-CoV-2
- Onset of symptoms within the past 7 days
- Patient is 18 years of age or older
- Patient does not require supplemental oxygen **or** there is no increase in baseline oxygen needs

AND

One (1) of the following:

- Pregnancy
- Active Cancer
- Hematologic malignancy
- Immunocompromised (On biologic agents, high dose chronic steroids, B-cell depleting therapy*, TK inhibitors**, primary immunodeficiency, etc)
- HIV Patients
- Solid organ transplant recipients
- Hematopoietic cell transplant recipients
- Graft-versus-host disease
- Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell recipients (CAR T-Cell Therapy) (Idecabtagene Vicleucel, Brexucabtagene Autoleucel, Axicabtagene Ciloleucel, Axicabtagene Ciloleucel)
- Age \geq 65 years
- Not fully vaccinated per [CDC definition](#)
- BMI \geq 35
- Cardiovascular Disease: Hypertension, Coronary Artery Disease or Congestive Heart Failure
- Diabetes Mellitus (on insulin therapy or oral hypoglycemics)
- Chronic Lung Disease: COPD, Asthma, Interstitial Lung Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Chronic Kidney Disease (stage 4 and above, ESRD)
- End stage liver disease
- Neurodevelopmental disorders (Ex. Cerebral palsy)
- Medical-related technological dependence (Ex. Tracheostomy, gastrostomy, etc.)
- Sickle Cell disease

*B-cell depleting therapy: rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab, ibritumomab tiuxetan, obinutuzumab, belimumab

**TK inhibitors: ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, or zanubrutinib therapy



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Prescribing and Referral Review Process:

1. Order “Outpatient COVID-19 Treatment Referral” via EPIC or paper [order form](#)

Px Code	Name	Code
REF408001	Outpatient COVID-19 treatment (OUTPATIENT REFERRAL)	REF408001

2. Indicate patient is eligible for treatment per P&T approved criteria.

1 Patient must meet at least one of the following (Select ONE):

- Pregnancy Active Cancer Hematologic malignancy
- Immunocompromised (On biologic agents, high dose chronic steroids, B-cell depleting therapy, TK inhibitors, primary immunodeficiency)
- HIV Patients Solid organ transplant recipients Hematopoietic cell transplant recipients Graft-versus-host disease
- Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell recipients (CAR T-Cell Therapy) (Idecabtagene Vicleucel, Brexucabtagene Autoleucel, Axicabtagene Cilixumab)
- Age 65 or older Not fully vaccinated per CDC definition (See reference link 3 for definition) BMI of 35 or greater
- Cardiovascular Disease: HTN, CAD, or CHF Diabetes Mellitus (on insulin or oral hypoglycemics)
- Chronic Lung Disease: COPD, Asthma, Interstitial Lung Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Pulmonary Fibrosis
- CKD (Stage 4 and above, ESRD) End stage liver disease Neurodevelopmental disorders (eg. Cerebral palsy)
- Medical-related technological dependence (eg. Tracheostomy, gastrostomy, etc.) Sickle Cell disease

3. Enter date of symptom onset

Date of symptom onset:

4. Indicate all treatments to be considered for patient

- a. **Recommendation:** Consider choosing **all available** options if no obvious contraindications exist to maximize access to available treatment. **Patient will only receive one therapy.**

Date of symptom onset:

! Please check ALL outpatient treatment(s) you would like considered:

nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (PAXLOVID) 150-100 mg dose pack molnupiravir 200 mg capsules

IV Bebtelovimab 175 mg IV Once IV Remdesivir 200 mg infusion Day1; 100 mg infusion Day 2 and 3

Date of symptom onset:

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! Symptom onset > 7 days. Medication cannot be ordered. Patient past eligibility date.

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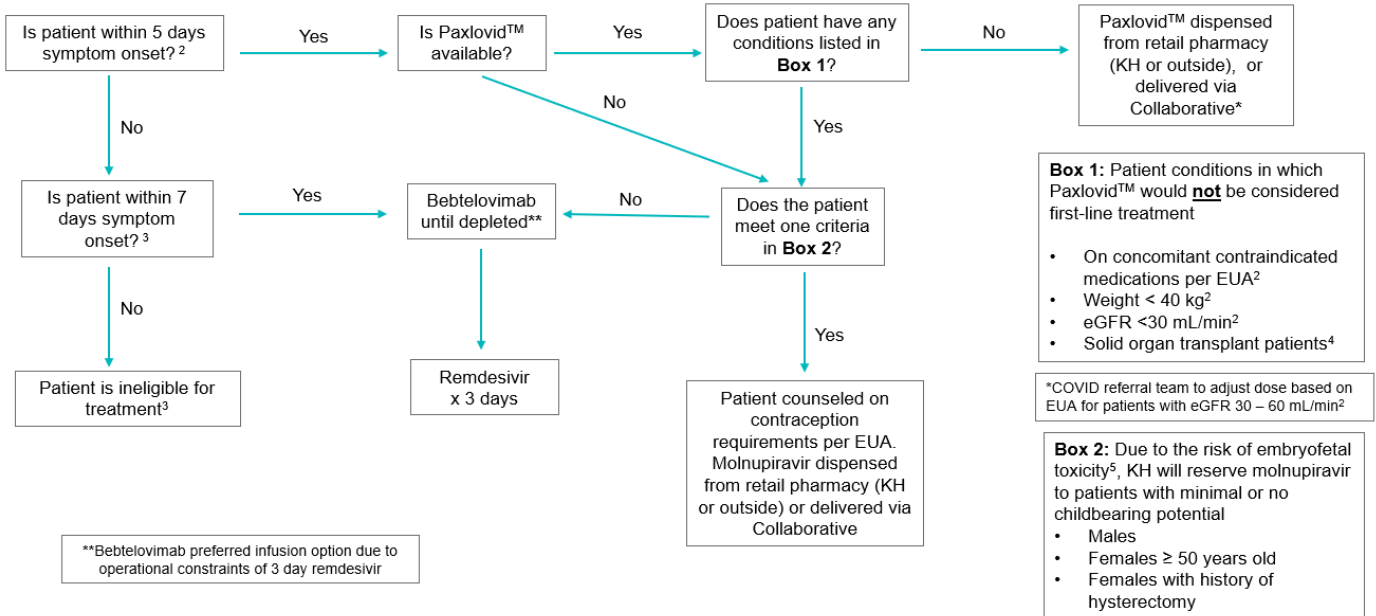
5. Add clarifying comments as necessary:

- 6. Referral Team will review and identify best treatment per KH P&T algorithm (Figure 1)
- 7. Referral Team will:
 - a. Send prescription to appropriate entity (KH Retail Pharmacy or Infusion Center)
 - i. Prescription will require co-signature from ordering provider if ordering via EPIC
 - ii. Retail Pharmacy or Infusion Center will contact patient about treatment
 - b. Communicate final treatment plan with provider via in-basket message
 - c. Contact patient if they are not eligible or no treatment available

8. Patient will be notified within **24 hours** of their treatment option

Please contact the referral team with questions or concerns by following this link: [Provider Questions - COVID Outpatient Treatment Referral](#)

Figure 1: KH P&T Outpatient COVID Treatment Algorithm¹





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Considerations for pregnant patients:

Molnupiravir is the only treatment option with a warning against use in pregnant patients.⁵

Initiation of COVID treatment should be a shared-decision making process following adequate counseling from patient’s obstetric provider as able.

Drug	Organization	Statement/Recommendations
Paxlovid™	Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM)	“SMFM supports the use of Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir [PF-07321332] tablets and ritonavir tablets) for treatment of pregnant patients with COVID-19 who meet clinical qualifications. Any therapy that would otherwise be given should not be withheld specifically due to pregnancy or lactation.” ⁵
	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)	“Obstetric care clinicians may consider the use of the oral SARS-CoV-2 protease inhibitor for the treatment of non-hospitalized COVID-19 positive pregnant individuals with mild to moderate symptoms, particularly if one or more additional risk factors are present (eg body mass index >25, chronic kidney disease, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease). Clinicians should weigh the available data against the individual risks of COVID-19 in pregnancy in each situation.” ⁶
Bebtelovimab	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)	“Obstetric care clinicians may consider the use of monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of non-hospitalized COVID-19 positive pregnant individuals with mild to moderate symptoms, particularly if one or more additional risk factors are present (eg BMI >25, chronic kidney disease, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease).” ⁷
Remdesivir	National Institute of Health (NIH)	“Remdesivir should not be withheld from pregnant patients if it is otherwise indicated.” ⁸

Considerations for Pediatric Patients (12-17 years of age)

Therapy may be considered on a case-by-case basis for pediatric patients with risk factors for progression to severe COVID. Please contact the referral team by following this link: [Patient Review - COVID Outpatient Treatment Referral](#)

Please include the following information:

1. Patient MRN
2. Patient name
3. Patient-specific risk factors



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Revision History

Date	Update
6/30/2022	Amended algorithm to include molnupiravir per NIH Guidelines
4/1/2022	Sotrovimab removed from treatment algorithm and order form. Sotrovimab no longer authorized for Ohio. FDA updates Sotrovimab emergency use authorization FDA Added bebtelovimab to treatment algorithm and order form
2/8/2022	Criteria for use expanded Updated prescribing process
1/31/2022	Criteria for use expanded Updated prescribing process

**Order Form for Outpatient Treatment of
COVID (+) patients**

Patient Name _____ **DOB** _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

ICD-10 Diagnosis: U07.1 – COVID-19

****Symptom Onset Date:** _____ **Symptoms:** _____

****Date patient tested positive:** _____ ****Please fax copy of test result with order if available****

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AND

One (1) of the following:

- | | |
|---|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Not fully vaccinated per CDC definition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hematologic malignancy | <input type="checkbox"/> BMI ≥ 35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunocompromised (On biologic agents, high dose chronic steroids, B-cell depleting therapy, TK inhibitors, primary immunodeficiency, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Mellitus (on insulin therapy or oral hypoglycemics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Patients | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular Disease: Hypertension, Coronary Artery Disease or Congestive Heart Failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid organ transplant recipients | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Lung Disease: COPD, Asthma, Interstitial Lung Disease, Cystic Fibrosis, or Pulmonary Fibrosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hematopoietic cell transplant recipients | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Kidney Disease (stage 4 and above, ESRD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graft-versus-host disease | <input type="checkbox"/> End stage liver disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell recipients (CAR T-Cell Therapy) (Idecabtagene Vicleucel, Brexucabtagene Autoleucel, Axicabtagene Ciloleucel, Axicabtagene Ciloleucel) | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurodevelopmental disorders (Eg. Cerebral palsy) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical-related technological dependence (Eg. Tracheostomy, gastrostomy, etc.) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell disease |

Order Form for Outpatient Treatment of COVID (+) patients

Rx: Please check all outpatient treatment(s) you would like considered for your patient.

Consider choosing all options if no obvious contraindications exist to maximize access to available treatment. Patient will only receive one therapy per KH P&T approved algorithm. **Algorithm is based on NIH-preferred treatment recommendations, available inventory, and patient-specific considerations.**

- nirmatrelvir-ritonavir (PAXLOVID) 150-100 mg dose pack
 - Take 2 nirmatrelvir and 1 ritonavir tablet by mouth every 12 hours for 5 days.
 - Dispense #30 (thirty) with 0 (zero) refills
 - *COVID referral team to adjust dose based on EUA for patients with eGFR 30 – 60 mL/min*

OR

- Bebtelovimab 175 mg/2mL x 1 dose
 1. Administer via IV push over 30 seconds
 2. After the entire contents of the syringe have been administered, flush the injection line with 0.9% Sodium Chloride to ensure delivery of the required dose
 3. Observe patient for at least 1 hour following administration

OR

- Remdesivir

For IV Therapies Only

Consider premeds for patients with allergic tendencies or who have had allergic reactions to an immunoglobulin product.

Pre-meds (optional):

Tylenol 650 mg po or Tylenol 1000 mg po

Benadryl 25 mg po or Benadryl 25 mg IV

Methylprednisolone 40 mg IV

KH infusion reaction protocol will be utilized if a patient has an infusion-related or hypersensitivity reaction.

Day 1:

Remdesivir 200 mg added to 60 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride for a total volume of 100mL

1. Infuse IV over 30 minutes
2. Observe patient for at least 1 hour following administration
3. Start primary line with 500mL 0.9% sodium chloride and give the remainder of the bag as a bolus after the remdesivir infusion is completed

Days 2 + 3:

Remdesivir 100 mg added to 80 mL of 0.9% sodium chloride for a total volume of 100mL

4. Infuse IV over 30 minutes
5. Observe patient for at least 1 hour following administration
6. Start primary line with 500mL 0.9% sodium chloride and give the remainder of the bag as a bolus after the remdesivir infusion is completed

OR

- molnupiravir 200 mg capsules
 - Take 4 capsules (800 mg total) by mouth every 12 hours for 5 days.
 - Dispense #40 (forty) with 0 (zero) refills

Prescriber _____ **Date** _____

Prescriber Signature _____

Address: _____ **Phone** _____ **Fax:** _____