

# Pneumonia in the Nursing Home Setting

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# Learning Objectives

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- Review upper and lower respiratory tract infection sites and associated organisms.
- Describe pneumonia severity assessment resources.
- Identify empiric bacterial pneumonia treatment regimens including duration of therapy.
- List treatment options for COVID infection including time to start.
- Analyze a pneumonia case study.

# Pneumonia Epidemiology

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- Occurs in approximately 1-2 residents for every 1000 days of NH residence.
- NH residents with pneumonia that require hospitalization can have a mortality rate ranging from 13-41%
- Organism overwhelms the host defense, and the pathogen replication initiates an immune response leading to inflammation and alveolar irritation and impairment resulting in symptoms.
- Approximately 80% of NH residents with pneumonia exhibit 3 or fewer respiratory signs or symptoms, but 92% have at least one identifiable respiratory manifestation.

# Respiratory tract infections are common. They range from the common cold to pneumonia.

- **Common Cold**
  - An upper respiratory tract infection that can be caused by many different viruses. Treatment is supportive care (rest, fluids, analgesics) and time.
- **Acute Bronchitis**
  - Inflammation of the large airways. The vast majority (90%) of these infections are caused by viruses. Distinguishing this infection from pneumonia can be challenging.
- **Influenza**
  - A viral infection most common in the winter months (October through March). The best way to avoid this infection is by getting a yearly influenza vaccination or “flu shot.”
- **Pneumonia**
  - Inflammation of the lung. In adults, about one-fourth of these are caused by viruses with the remainder caused by bacteria. The diagnosis is made, in part, using a chest X-ray.

# Upper or Lower Respiratory Tract Infection Descriptions

## Sinusitis

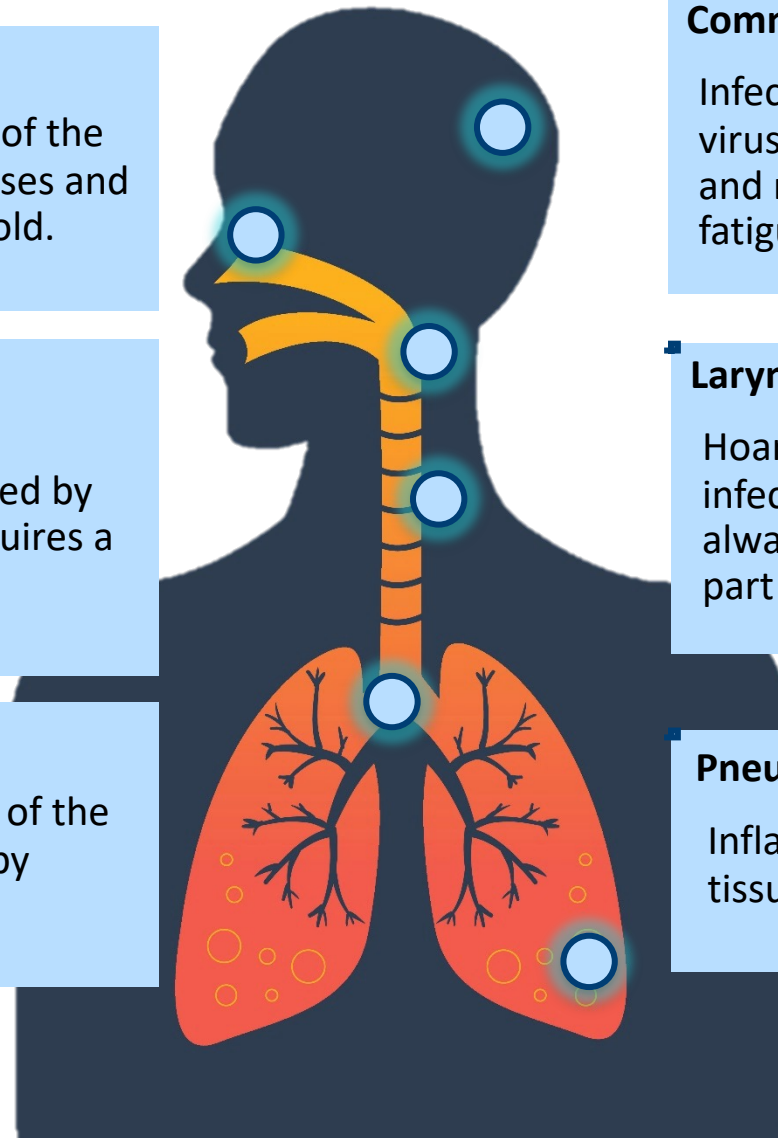
Inflammation and infection of the sinuses; 98% caused by viruses and usually part of a common cold.

## Strep Throat

Infection of the tonsils and posterior oropharynx. Caused by group A *Streptococcus*. Requires a diagnostic test.

## Bronchitis

Inflammation and infection of the large airways; 90% caused by viruses.



## Common Cold

Infection caused by many different viruses. Affects sinuses and throat and may also cause headache, fatigue, low-grade fever.

## Laryngitis

Hoarse voice; inflammation and infection of the vocal cords; nearly always a viral infection and usually part of a common cold.

## Pneumonia

Inflammation and infection of lung tissue; ~75% caused by bacteria.

# Bronchitis Versus Pneumonia

## Acute Bronchitis

- Definition: Self-limited inflammation of bronchi, the large airways of the lung
- Cause: Viral (with rare exception)\*
- Symptoms:
  - Cough for 5 days to 3 weeks
  - Fever unusual (unless influenza)
  - 50% have sputum production
- Diagnostic studies:
  - Normal to slightly elevated WBC
  - No specific chest film findings

## Pneumonia

- Definition: Inflammation or infection of the lung tissue
- Cause: ~75% bacteria, ~25% viral
- Symptoms:
  - Cough, fever, sputum production common, chest wall pain
- Diagnostic studies:
  - Elevated WBC
  - Chest films show infiltrates, possible effusions

\*Bacterial causes include *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, and *Bordetella pertussis*, which causes whooping cough. *Bordetella* is the only one of these that requires antibiotic treatment.<sup>3</sup>

# Pneumonia Symptoms

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- New cough
- Dyspnea
- Pleural Pain
- Sweating
- Fever- Temperature  $\geq$  or  $=$  38C
- Shivers
- Aches and pains
- Sputum production
- New and localizing chest examination signs

# CURB-65

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- CURB-65 (1pt each): if score = 0-1, patient may be treated as an outpatient. Residents with 2 or more points have mortality greater than 9.2% and require hospital admission.
  - decreased **C**onsciousness
  - increased blood **U**rea nitrogen BUN
  - **R**espiratory rate >30/min
  - **B**P < 90 systolic or diastolic  $\leq$  60
  - age >**65** years)

<https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/324/curb-65-score-pneumonia-severity>



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# PSI Scoring System (CAP)- Class I-V

□ Patient characteristics	Points assigned	□ Points total	Risk Class	Mortality Rates	Patient Care Location
<b>Demographic factors</b>					
Age (1 point/year)					
Men	Age (yr)				
Women	Age (yr)-10				
Nursing home resident	+10	< 51	I	0.1%	Outpatient
<b>Comorbid illnesses</b>					
Neoplastic disease	+30	51 to 70	II	0.6%	Outpatient
Liver disease	+20	71 to 90	III	2.8%	Ideally, in an observation unit with re-evaluation
Congestive heart failure	+10				
Cerebrovascular disease	+10				
Renal disease	+10				
<b>Physical examination findings</b>					
Altered mental status	+20				
Respiratory rate ≥ 30 breaths/minute	+20				
Systolic blood pressure < 90 mm Hg	+20	91 to 130	IV	8.2%	Inpatient
Temperature < 30°C or ≥ 40°C	+15				
Pulse ≥ 125 beats/minute	+10	> 130	V	29.2%	Inpatient, likely ICU
<b>Laboratory findings</b>					
PH < 7.35	+30				
Blood urea nitrogen > 10.7 mmol/L	+20				
Sodium < 130 mEq/L	+20				
Glucose > 13.9 mmol/L	+10				
Hematocrit < 30%	+10				
PO <sub>2</sub> < 60 mm Hg (or SaO <sub>2</sub> < 90%)	+10				
Pleural effusion	+10				

<https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/33/psi-port-score-pneumonia-severity-index-cap>



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# CAP Likely Pathogens- Johns Hopkins Guide 2023

## Commonly seen organisms listed below:

- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Moraxella catarrhalis*
- *Chlamydophila pneumoniae*
- *Legionella species*
- *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
- Viruses: influenza A, RSV, parainfluenza, adenovirus, human metapneumovirus, rhinovirus, COVID
  - A CDC report of extensive microbiologic testing of 2,300 adults hospitalized for CAP showed the most common pathogens were rhinovirus (9%), influenza (6%) and *S. pneumoniae* (5%), no pathogen detected in 62%[19].
- Occasional pathogens that may need to be considered in the setting of suspected community-acquired pneumonia, e.g., if immunocompromised or other special situations:
  - *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
  - *Nocardia*
  - Group A Streptococcus
  - *Neisseria meningitidis*
  - Anaerobes (aspiration pneumonia )

# Risk Factors for Colonization with a Resistant Organism- NH

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- History of colonization with a resistant organism
- Recent antibiotic therapy (< 90 days)
- Recent hospitalization ( < 90 days)
- Dependency in ADL requiring frequent contact with caregivers
- Dialysis
- Wounds (pressure ulcers)
- Indwelling devices (urinary catheters, feeding tubes etc)
- Lung disease (COPD or bronchiectasis)

# Diagnostic Testing and Laboratory Values

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- Chest X-ray nearly always shows an infiltrate
- Sputum Culture and Gram Stain - important if resident has risk factors for resistant organisms

# Diagnostic Tests

Gram stain and sputum culture

Respiratory viral panel

Coronavirus infection or COVID-19 PCR

*Streptococcus pneumoniae* urinary antigen (Ag)

Legionella urinary Ag

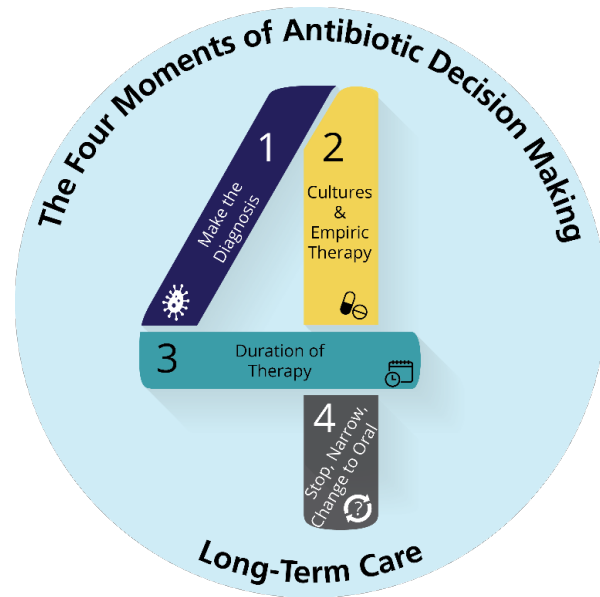


# Clinical Considerations

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- Up to 70% of CAP without pathogen identified.
- Initiate antibiotics within 4 hours, but now recommended as soon as possible and prior to patient leaving the ER for hospitalized patients. If septic shock, administer within 1 hour.
- Patients should show a clinical response within 48-72 hours of antibiotic administration. If not consider a non-responder and re-evaluate for pathogen and treatment.
- Duration of therapy 5 day minimum. Most recommend patients be afebrile for 48-72 hours with supplemental oxygen and stable vitals.

# The AHRQ Four Moments of Antibiotic Decision Making



1. Does the resident have symptoms that suggest an infection? Can we try symptomatic treatment and active monitoring?
2. What type of infection is it? Have we collected appropriate cultures and diagnostic tests before starting antibiotics? What empiric therapy should we initiate?
3. What duration of antibiotic therapy is needed for the resident's diagnosis?
4. It's been 2–3 days since we started antibiotics. Re-evaluate the resident and review results of diagnostic tests. Can we stop antibiotics? Can we narrow therapy?

# Loeb Criteria to Initiate Antibiotics - Pneumonia

<p><b>Lower respiratory tract infection</b> with temp &gt;38.9 °C (102 °F)</p>	<p>At least one of the following criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Productive cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate &gt;25 breaths / minute</li> </ul>
<p>with temp &gt;37.9 °C (100 °F) or 1.5 °C (2.4 °F) above baseline</p>	<p>Both of the following criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cough, AND</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the following criteria               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pulse &gt;100 beats / minutes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Delirium</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rigors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate &gt;25 breaths / minute</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>afebrile with COPD and &gt;65 years old</p>	<p>Both of the following criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New or increased cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Purulent sputum production</li> </ul>
<p>afebrile without COPD</p>	<p>All of the following criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> New cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Purulent sputum production</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the following criteria               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Delirium</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate &gt;25 breaths / minute</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>with new infiltrate on chest X-ray consistent with pneumonia</p>	<p>At least one of the following criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Productive cough</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Temp &gt;37.9 °C (100 °F) or 1.5 °C (2.4 °F) above baseline</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory rate &gt;25 breaths / minute</li> </ul>

**Note:** Consider ordering chest X-ray and CBC with differential for febrile residents with cough and any of these criteria (HR >100, worsening mental status, or rigors) Antibiotics should not be used for up to 24 h after large-volume aspiration in those without COPD but with temp ≤38.9°C (102 °F) and non-productive cough



# Empiric Antibiotic Therapy - Start with IV or IM

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- Ceftriaxone 500mg IM daily or Cefotaxime 1gm IM q12h for 1-3 days. Switch to oral regimen to finish therapy.
  - Oral regimen
    - Cefpodoxime 200mg bid or Cefuroxime 500mg bid or Augmentin 875mg/125mg bid AND macrolide (azithromycin 500mg x1 then 250mg qd) or doxycycline 100mg bid
- OR**
- Respiratory Quinolone- Levofloxacin 750mg qd or Moxifloxacin 400mg qd

Metlay et al. ATS Diagnosis and Treatment of Adults with Community Acquired Pneumonia. Practice Guidelines August 2019



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# Empiric Antibiotic Therapy - Oral Only

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- Oral regimen
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- OR**
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# FDA-approved antiviral drugs recommended by CDC to treat Influenza

Generic	Trade Name	Dose	Indication	Dosage form	SIG	Other info
<b>Oseltamivir phosphate</b>	Tamiflu	30mg, 45mg, 75mg, 6mg/mL	Early influenza tx in people $\geq$ 14 days Influenza Ppx in people $\geq$ 1 year	Capsule, liquid suspension	<b>Tx:</b> 75mg BID x 5 days <b>Ppx:</b> 75mg QD x 10 days	Efficacy not established after 48 hours of sx.
<b>Zanamivir</b>	Relenza	5mg	Early tx of flu in people $\geq$ 7 years Influenza Ppx in people $\geq$ 5 years	Inhalation	<b>Tx:</b> 10mg BID x 5 days <b>Ppx:</b> 10mg QD x 10-28 days	NOT recommended for people with COPD or asthma NOT proven effective for Ppx in nursing home residents.
<b>Peramivir</b>	Rapivab	600mg	Early tx of acute uncomplicated influenza in people $\geq$ 18 years who have been symptomatic for no	IV	Once for minimum 15 mins	Efficacy not established for serious influenza requiring hospitalization.
<b>Baloxavir marboxil</b>	Xofluza	20mg, 40mg	Early tx of acute uncomplicated influenza in people $\geq$ 12 yrs	Tablet	<b>40-80kg:</b> two 20mg QD <b><math>\geq</math>80kg:</b> two 40mg QD	Avoid coadministration with dairy products, polyvalent cation containing antacids or laxatives

Administer approved antiviral treatments within 48 hours of symptom onset.

# COVID Therapeutics - Outpatient

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- For patients at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19, preferred therapies
  - Ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) - dose is 2 pink tablets of nirmatrelvir with 1 white tablet of ritonavir by mouth 2 times each day (in the morning and in the evening) for 5 days. For each dose, take all 3 tablets at the same time. Dose adjusted for renal impairment.
  - Remdesivir (Veklury) - dose is 200mg IV x1, then 100mg IV qd X3 days in outpatient setting.
- Alternate therapy if neither of preferred therapies are available
  - Molnupiravir (Lagevrio) - dose is 800mg (four 200mg capsules) q12h for 5 days

# NIH COVID-19 Guideline: Non-Hospitalized

**Table 2a. Therapeutic Management of Nonhospitalized Adults With COVID-19**

Last Updated: September 26, 2022

Patient Disposition	Panel's Recommendations
Does Not Require Hospitalization or Supplemental Oxygen	<p><b>For All Patients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All patients should be offered symptom management (<a href="#">AIII</a>).</li> <li>The Panel <b>recommends against</b> the use of <b>dexamethasone<sup>a</sup></b> or <b>other systemic corticosteroids</b> in the absence of another indication (<a href="#">AIIb</a>).</li> </ul> <p><b>For Patients Who Are at High Risk of Progressing to Severe COVID-19<sup>b</sup></b></p> <p><i>Preferred therapies. Listed in order of preference:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid)<sup>c,d</sup></b> (<a href="#">AIIa</a>)</li> <li><b>Remdesivir<sup>d,e</sup></b> (<a href="#">BIIa</a>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Alternative therapies. For use ONLY when neither of the preferred therapies are available, feasible to use, or clinically appropriate. Listed in alphabetical order:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bebtelovimab<sup>f</sup></b> (<a href="#">CIII</a>)</li> <li><b>Molnupiravir<sup>d,g,h</sup></b> (<a href="#">CIIa</a>)</li> </ul>
Discharged From Hospital Inpatient Setting in Stable Condition, Even if Receiving Supplemental Oxygen	The Panel <b>recommends against</b> continuing the use of <b>remdesivir</b> ( <a href="#">AIIa</a> ), <b>dexamethasone<sup>a</sup></b> ( <a href="#">AIIa</a> ), or <b>baricitinib</b> ( <a href="#">AIIa</a> ) after hospital discharge.

Each recommendation in the Guidelines receives 2 ratings that reflect the strength of the recommendation and the quality of the evidence that supports it. See [Guidelines Development](#) for more information.

# FDA Updates on Bebtelovimab

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- As of November 30, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Bebtelovimab is not currently authorized for emergency use in the U.S. because it is not expected to neutralize Omicron subvariants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1., according to data included in the [Health Care Provider Fact Sheet](#).
- The Panel now **recommends against** the use of **Bebtelovimab** for the treatment of nonhospitalized patients with COVID-19 who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19 **(AIII)**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (n.d.). *What's new*. National Institutes of Health. Retrieved December 9, 2022, from <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/about-the-guidelines/whats-new/>

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. (n.d.). *FDA announces Bebtelovimab is not currently authorized in the US*. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Retrieved December 6, 2022, from <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-announces-bebtelovimab-not-currently-authorized-any-us-region>



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# NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guideline Update

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As of December 28, 2022, the antiviral drugs:

- Ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid)
- Remdesivir, and
- Molnupiravir

are expected to continue to be active against the currently circulating Omicron subvariants for mild to moderate COVID-19 in non-hospitalized adults who are at high risk of progressing to severe COVID-19.

# What are Paxlovid, Lagevrio and Veklury?

## Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics



ORAL ANTIVIRAL

**Paxlovid**  
(PF-07321332; ritonavir)

Emergency Use Authorization  
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ORAL ANTIVIRAL

**Lagevrio**  
(Molnupiravir)

Emergency Use Authorization  
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IV ANTIVIRAL

**Veklury**  
(remdesivir)

Approved  
Commercially Available

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# Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics:

## Standard



**Pfizer**

**PAXLOVID™**  
(nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets),  
co-packaged for oral use

Each carton contains 30 tablets in 5 blister cards  
Each blister card contains 6 tablets:

- 4 nirmatrelvir tablets (150 mg each)
- 2 ritonavir tablets (100 mg each)

**300 mg; 100 mg Dose Pack**

**Morning Dose** - Take all 3 tablets at the same time from the morning dose portion of the blister card (yellow side).

**Evening Dose** - Take all 3 tablets at the same time from the evening dose portion of the blister card (blue side).

For use under Emergency Use Authorization. Rx only

## Renal



**Pfizer**

**PAXLOVID™**  
(nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets),  
co-packaged for oral use

Each carton contains 20 tablets in 5 blister cards  
Each blister card contains 4 tablets:

- 2 nirmatrelvir tablets (150 mg each)
- 2 ritonavir tablets (100 mg each)

**150 mg; 100 mg Dose Pack**

**Morning Dose** - Take both tablets at the same time from the morning dose portion of the blister card (white side).

**Evening Dose** - Take both tablets at the same time from the evening dose portion of the blister card (pink side).



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Paxlovid Product Information:  
<https://www.paxlovid.com/>

# Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics:



## Standard

**How to take PAXLOVID 300 mg; 100 mg Dose Pack**

<p><b>PAXLOVID™</b> (nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets), co-packaged for oral use <b>300 mg nirmatrelvir; 100 mg ritonavir</b></p> <p>nirmatrelvir tablet (150 mg)</p> <p><b>Morning Dose</b> Take 3 tablets at the same time. ☀️</p> <p>ritonavir tablet (100 mg)</p> <p>nirmatrelvir tablet (150 mg)</p>	<p><b>Morning Dose:</b> Take the 2 pink nirmatrelvir tablets and 1 white to off-white ritonavir tablet together at the same time each morning.</p> 
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## Renal

**How to take PAXLOVID 150 mg; 100 mg Dose Pack**

<p><b>PAXLOVID™</b> (nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets), co-packaged for oral use <b>150 mg nirmatrelvir; 100 mg ritonavir</b></p> <p>nirmatrelvir tablet (150 mg)</p> <p><b>Morning Dose</b> Take both tablets at the same time. ☀️</p> <p>ritonavir tablet (100 mg)</p> <p>Tablet cavity intentionally left empty</p>	<p><b>Morning Dose:</b> Take the 1 pink nirmatrelvir tablet and 1 white to off-white ritonavir tablet together at the same time each morning.</p> 
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Labeling.pfizer.com. (n.d.). Retrieved December 13, 2022, from <https://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=16474#S7.3>

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# Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics:

## Important to know

### Administration Instructions

Inform patients to take PAXLOVID with or without food as instructed. Advise patients to swallow all tablets for PAXLOVID whole and not to chew, break, or crush the tablets. Alert the patient of the importance of completing the full 5-day treatment course and to continuing isolation in accordance with public health recommendations to maximize viral clearance and minimize transmission of SARS-CoV-2. If the patient misses a dose of PAXLOVID within 8 hours of the time it is usually taken, the patient should take it as soon as possible and resume the normal dosing schedule. If the patient misses a dose by more than 8 hours, the patient should not take the missed dose and instead take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. The patient should not double the dose to make up for a missed dose [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

Paxlovid Product Information:  
<https://www.paxlovid.com/>

# Outpatient COVID-19 Therapeutics:

## Lagevrio



Lagevrio (molnupiravir) Product Information  
<https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/>

## Veklury



Veklury Product Information  
<https://www.vekluryhcp.com/>

Dunleavy, K. (2022, July 8). *FDA is letting pharmacists prescribe Pfizer's paxlovid but won't do the same for Merck's lagevrio.* Fierce Pharma. Retrieved December 13, 2022, from <https://www.fiercepharma.com/pharma/fda-letting-pharmacists-prescribe-pfizers-paxlovid-wont-do-same-mercks-lagevrio>  
VEKLURY® (remdesivir) 100 mg for injection, lyophilized powder. (n.d.). Retrieved December 13, 2022, from [https://www.vekluryhcp.com/downloads/information\\_for\\_payer\\_and\\_trade\\_organizations.pdf](https://www.vekluryhcp.com/downloads/information_for_payer_and_trade_organizations.pdf)



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# Medication Comparison:

Drug Name	Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir)	Lagevrio (molnupiravir)	Veklury (remdesivir)
<b>Route of Administration</b>	PO Administer with or without food. Swallow tablets whole; do not open, break, or crush	PO Administer with or without food. Swallow capsules whole; do not open, break, or crush	IV infusion
<b>MOA</b>	Viral protease inhibitor that halts viral replication	Nucleoside analog that inhibits viral replication by viral mutagenesis	Nucleotide analog ribonucleic acid (RNA) polymerase inhibitor that halts viral replication
<b>Authorized Use</b>	<b>Treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19</b>		
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Pfizer, Inc.	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.	Gilead Sciences, Inc.
<b>FDA Approval</b>	EUA December 22, 2021	EUA December 23, 2021	October 22, 2020

Side-by-Side Overview of Therapeutics Authorized or Approved for the Prevention of COVID-19 Infection or Treatment of Mild-Moderate COVID-19 has been moved to the ASPR COVID-19 website. For the most recent version of the page, please visit: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/COVID-19/Therapeutics/Documents/side-by-side-overview.pdf>

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# Medication Comparison:

Drug Name	Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir)	Lagevrio (molnupiravir)	Veklury (remdesivir)
<b>History Requirements</b>	Assessment of renal health (eGFR) Assessment of hepatic health	Assessment of pregnancy status and oral contraceptive use Assessment of breastfeeding status	Assessment of renal health (eGFR), hepatic health and prothrombin time
<b>Prescribing Window</b>	Initiate <u>within 5 days</u> of symptom onset and positive SARS-CoV-2 viral test	Initiate <u>within 5 days</u> of symptom onset and positive SARS-CoV-2 viral test	Initiate <u>within 7 days</u> of symptom onset and positive SARS-CoV-2 viral test

# Paxlovid COVID Rebound

## COVID-19 rebound after Paxlovid and Molnupiravir during January-June 2022

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### Conclusion:

COVID-19 rebound occurred both after Paxlovid and Molnupiravir, especially in patients with underlying medical conditions. This indicates that **COVID-19 rebound is not unique to Paxlovid** and the **risks were similar for Paxlovid and Molnupiravir**. For both drugs the rates of COVID-19 rebound increased with time after treatments.

Patients with COVID-19 rebound had significantly higher prevalence of underlying medical conditions than those without.

# Paxlovid COVID Rebound

## Recommendations for Healthcare Providers

For patients with COVID-19 rebound:

- There is currently no evidence that additional treatment for COVID-19 is needed for COVID-19 rebound.
- Advise people with COVID-19 rebound to follow CDC's guidance on isolation and take precautions to prevent further transmission. Patients should re-isolate for at least 5 days. Per CDC guidance, they can end their re-isolation period after 5 full days if fever has resolved for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. The patient should wear a mask for a total of 10 days after rebound symptoms started.
- Consider clinical evaluation of patients who have COVID-19 rebound and symptoms that persist or worsen.



# Paxlovid COVID Rebound

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- ❑ Pfizer will conduct a randomized placebo-controlled trial in patients with “COVID-19 rebound” following an initial treatment course of PAXLOVID to evaluate a subsequent 5-day treatment course of PAXLOVID. Pfizer will provide topline results by September 30, 2023.
- ❑ Pfizer will conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate different durations of PAXLOVID treatment in immunocompromised patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19. Pfizer will provide topline results by September 30, 2023.

# Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir) Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist Tool for Prescribers (Table)

## PAXLOVID Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist Tool for Prescribers

Other Drugs with Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions with PAXLOVID (listed alphabetically by generic name)

### Interaction Codes:



Coadministration of this drug with PAXLOVID IS CONTRAINDICATED. For further information, refer to the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers and the individual Prescribing Information for the drug.



Coadministration of this drug with PAXLOVID should be avoided and/or holding of this drug, dose adjustment of this drug, or special monitoring is necessary. Consultation with the prescriber of the potentially interacting drug is recommended. For further information, refer to the Health Care Provider Fact Sheet and the individual Prescribing Information for the drug.

PAXLOVID Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist Tool for Prescribers

Drug	Drug Class	Interaction Code
digoxin	Cardiac glycoside	***
dihydroergotamine	Ergot derivative	XXX
diltiazem	Calcium channel blocker	***
dronedarone	Antiarrhythmic	XXX
	Direct acting antiviral	***
		***
		XXX
		***
	beta-blocker	***
	diuretic	***
		XXX
	steroid	***
	Direct acting antiviral	***
		***
		***
		***
		***

Drug	Drug Class	Interaction Code
abemaciclib	Anticancer drug	***
alfuzosin	Alpha 1-adrenoreceptor antagonist	XXX
amiodarone	Antiarrhythmic	XXX
amlodipine	Calcium channel blocker	***
apalutamide	Anticancer drug	XXX
bedaquiline	Antimycobacterial	***
bepiridil	Antiarrhythmic	***
betamethasone	Systemic corticosteroid	***
bosentan	Endothelin receptor antagonist	***
budesonide	Systemic corticosteroid	***
bupropion	Antidepressant	***
carbamazepine	Anticonvulsant	***
ceritinib	Anticancer drug	***
ciclesonide	Systemic corticosteroid	***
clarithromycin	Anti-infective	***
clozapine	Antipsychotic	***
colchicine	Anti-gout	***
cyclosporine	Immunosuppressant	***
dabigatran	Anticoagulants	***
dasabuvir	Hepatitis C direct acting antiviral	***
dasatinib	Anticancer drug	***
dexamethasone	Systemic corticosteroid	***

PAXLOVID Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist Tool for Prescribers

Drug	Drug Class	Interaction Code
rifabutin	Antimycobacterial	***
rifampin	Antimycobacterial	XXX
rivaroxaban	Anticoagulant	***
salmeterol	Long-acting beta-adrenoreceptor agonist	***
sildenafil (Revatio®) when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension	PDE5 inhibitor	XXX
sirolimus	Immunosuppressant	***
sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir	Hepatitis C direct acting antiviral	***
St. John's Wort (Hypericum perforatum)	Herbal product	XXX
tacrolimus	Immunosuppressant	***
trazodone	Antidepressant	***
triamcinolone	Systemic corticosteroid	***
triazolam	Sedative/hypnotic	XXX
venetoclax	Anticancer drug	***
vinblastine	Anticancer drug	***
vincristine	Anticancer drug	***
voriconazole	Antifungal	***
warfarin	Anticoagulant	***

See table in [Paxlovid Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist Tool for Prescribers](https://www.fda.gov/media/158165/download)



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# COVID-19 Drug Interaction Checker

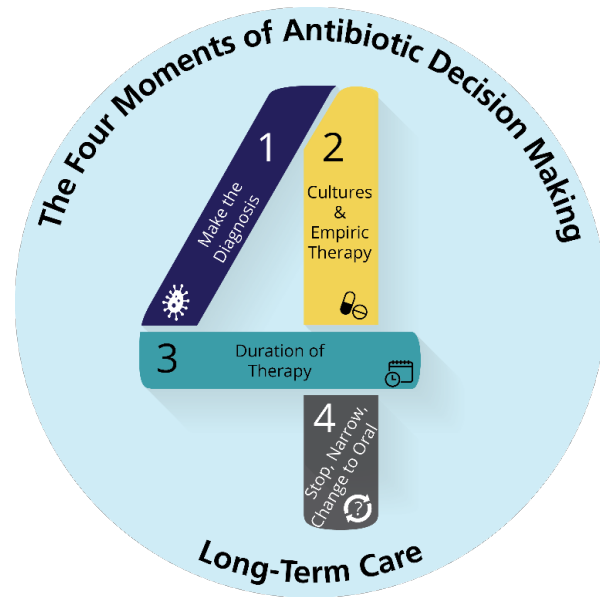
- University of Liverpool offers an [online COVID-19 Drug Interaction Checker](https://www.covid19-druginteractions.org/checker) that can be utilized to check for drug interactions



If a drug is not listed below it cannot automatically be assumed it is safe to coadminister.

COVID Drugs	Co-medications	Drug Interactions
<input type="text" value="Search drugs..."/>	<input type="text" value="Search co-medications..."/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check COVID/COVID drug interactions
<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-Z <input type="radio"/> Class <input type="radio"/> Trade	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A-Z <input type="radio"/> Class	Drug Interactions will be displayed here
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<input type="checkbox"/> Azithromycin <input type="button" value="i"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Abemaciclib <input type="button" value="i"/>	

# The AHRQ Four Moments of Antibiotic Decision Making



1. Does the resident have symptoms that suggest an infection? Can we try symptomatic treatment and active monitoring?
2. What type of infection is it? Have we collected appropriate cultures and diagnostic tests before starting antibiotics? What empiric therapy should we initiate?
3. What duration of antibiotic therapy is needed for the resident's diagnosis?
4. It's been 2–3 days since we started antibiotics. Re-evaluate the resident and review results of diagnostic tests. Can we stop antibiotics? Can we narrow therapy?

# Vaccine Updates

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- Pneumococcal vaccine changes-
  - [PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor: Vaccine Provider App | CDC](#)
  - [Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations | CDC](#)

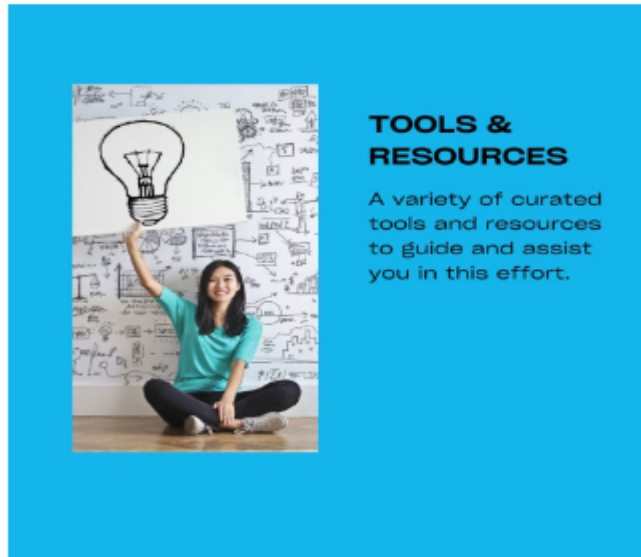
# Influenza vaccination

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- [Influenza Information for Healthcare Professionals | CDC](#)
- [Post-acute and Long-term Care Facility Toolkit: Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel | Seasonal Influenza \(Flu\) | CDC](#)
- [Increase Influenza Vaccination Coverage among your Health Care Personnel | Seasonal Influenza \(Flu\) | CDC](#)
  - Implementing a workplace vaccination requirement is the most effective strategy to increase influenza vaccination coverage among HCP in post-acute and facilities.

# COVID-19 Vaccine

- Primary Series - Any issues?
- Bivalent vaccine - [It's Worth a Shot – IPRO NQIC](#)



- [COVID-19 Bivalent Quality Improvement Action Plan](#)
- [COVID-19 Booster Power Point for Resident & Family Council Meetings](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Campaign](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Flyer](#) – basic information on vaccine safety and efficacy
- [COVID-19: How to Protect Yourself and Stay Healthy](#)
- [Influenza, Pneumococcal and COVID-19 Immunization Toolkit](#)
- [Paxlovid Patient Eligibility Screening Checklist for Prescribers](#)
- [Vaccinations for Adults](#) – an IPRO-developed PowerPoint for community providers to offer education on vaccinations in adults
- [Value in Vaccination Video Series](#)
- [AMDA Guidance, Resources and Tools](#)
- [CDC National Healthcare Safety Network \(NHSN\) Long-term Care Facility COVID-19 Module](#)

# Case Study Review

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- Polly Taylor, 82-year-old female long-term care resident at Coles South Side Nursing Home. She has early dementia, diabetes, and status post stroke 3 years ago with continued left-sided weakness and mechanical soft diet with nectar liquids.
  - What is/are Polly's risk of respiratory complications?



# Acute Illness

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- Early on Tuesday morning, Polly's cheeks were flushed and she had increased confusion. Polly's vital signs were T-99, P-86, b/p 122/70, R-24, SPO2-92%.
  - Does Polly have a fever? Do you need more information? What is your next step?
- Tuesday at 4PM: Polly has a fever of 102. She has begun coughing and seems distressed. SPO2-90%.
  - Next steps?

# Questions- Contact Information

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