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What does it do?

Remdesivir is used to treat COVID-19.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- You may need a blood test to check how well your liver is working.

How is it given?

Remdesivir is given as an infusion into a vein by a health professional.

You will need to stay for 30 minutes once the infusion is completed, to check you do not have any side effects.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Remdesivir is a new medicine. All the possible side effects are not known at this time.

Side Effects	Recommended action
Reaction during the infusion including: trouble breathing, swelling, rash, dizziness, fast heartbeat, fever, sweating	Tell your health professional immediately
Nausea	Tell your health professional if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- *Remdesivir* is not registered for use in New Zealand. Discuss with your doctor.