

## REMDESIVIR

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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                           |
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| 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.