

What is Coronavirus

- This is the virus that causes Covid-19 and is causing infections all across the world in 2020
- The official name of this particular virus is “SARS-CoV-2”

Is there a drug to treat Coronavirus infections?

- Remdesivir was just approved by the government (Food and Drug Administration)
 - only for treatment of patients who are sick enough to be in the hospital and must be given by vein
- There is no medication approved for patients outside the hospital
- That is why we are working hard on this project

What is the medication used in this trial?

This is an anti-viral medicine called Favipiravir.

It comes as pills that people take twice per day for 10 days.

Has this drug been given to people?

More than 3100 people around the world have been given this medication.

It is used to treat people with influenza in some countries.

It is already approved for use in countries like Japan, Russia, China, and India.

Will I be able to take the medicine without problems?

The medicine involves swallowing medium sized pills.

It has a coating which makes it easier to swallow.

The medicine so far seems quite safe in people who are not pregnant.

We will be closely monitoring your symptoms and blood tests while you are taking the medicine.

Does this medicine work against Coronavirus?

This medicine works in the lab against multiple viruses like Coronavirus and Influenza.

It blocks the virus from making more copies of itself.

We are testing to see if it will lower the amount of Coronavirus in people’s noses and throats.

How can this medicine help me?

It may help you get better faster.

It may prevent you from getting worse and needing to go to the hospital.

It may lower the chance that you could spread the infection to your family.

The study could help others in the future if we find that this helps in COVID-19.

Will I definitely get drug treatment?

- No
- Half the people will get drug and half will get a placebo (sugar pill)
- This is how most research on humans for drug treatment is done
- We hope the results of the trial will give important new information about how to treat coronavirus infections for the many people who get disease

If I'm not getting the drug, what is the benefit to me of being in the research study

- Even if you do not get the medicine, as a part of this research study, we will
 - o Closely monitor you every day
 - o You will get a thermometer and a pulse oximeter to monitor yourself each day
 - o We will check your virus levels regularly
 - o We will monitor your antibody levels at the end of the study
 - o You will be reimbursed \$40 for each visit for your participation in the study.

Do you have any more questions?

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