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Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for two monoclonal antibodies – bamlanivmab, by Eli Lily, and casirivimab/imdevimab, by Regeneron. Both of these drugs work by binding the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, thus reducing the viral load and its replicating capacity. Both drugs have been shown to reduce hospitalizations in patients when they are treated early in the course of the disease. Therefore, this medication is NOT for use of hospitalized patients. **Under the EUA, treatment is NOT authorized for patients hospitalized for COVID-19, those who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, or those who require an increase in their baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19**.

These medications are currently being distributed throughout the United States. However, because supplies are very limited, the EUA specifies that this treatment option is for patients who are at highest risk for hospitalization. Unfortunately, this short supply means not all patients referred may ultimately be able to receive the medication. Please review the accompanying referral form for criteria to determine eligibility to receive the treatment. **Please note that an individual must be within 10 days of symptom onset and must have a documented positive COVID-19 test to be considered appropriate for therapy.** Additional resources and information are attached regarding each medication.

If you have a patient that you believe would be an appropriate candidate for one of these therapies, please fill out a copy of the attached referral forms. Fax the completed forms, along with a copy of the patient's test result, including the patient's name and the date of the test, to (907) 349-1920. In the event that demand is greater than the available supply, the patient will be placed on a wait list until they reach day 10 from symptom onset. If the patient is selected, they will be contacted with a date, time, and details about receiving the infusion. It is imperative to provide the best contact phone number for patients.

Finally, the EUA requires the reporting of adverse reactions, hospitalizations and deaths. If one of your patients receives the treatment, it is requested that you send a follow up note to the fax number provided above. This should be provided for all patients who received the infusion, not just those who experience an adverse reaction. Please document any patient who experiences an adverse event(s) within 30 days of receiving the infusion.

Thank you for all that you do in serving your community and providing great care to your patients.

Sincerely,

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