

# Remdesivir – COVID-19 – India (Repurposing Scan)

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## Executive Summary

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## Clinical Trials

### Summary

- Active trials: 3
- Completed trials: 2

### Phase distribution

- Observational: 1
- Phase 1: 0
- Phase 2: 2
- Phase 3: 1
- Phase 4: 0

### Highlights

- No Phase III trials identified in India

### Top Trials

Trial ID	Title	Phase	Status	Start Date
NCT04610541	Open-label Study to Assess the Safety of REMdesivir-HU as Eligible Novel therapY for Moderate and Severe Covid-19 Patients	Phase 3	Active	2020-10-12
NCT04647695	An Open-label Randomized Controlled Trial on Interferon $\alpha$ and Remdesivir Combination Versus Remdesivir as Treatment for COVID-19 Infection	Phase 2	Active	2020-11-20
NCT04345419	Remdesivir in COVID-19 Treatment: A Randomised Trial	Phase 2	Completed	2020-06-16
NCT04582266	Pharmacokinetics and Safety of Remdesivir for Treatment of COVID-19 in Pregnant and Non-Pregnant Women in the United States	Observational	Completed	2021-03-31
NCT04560231	Is Remdesivir a Possible Therapeutic Option for SARS-CoV-2 : An Interventional Study	EARLY_Phase 1	Active	2020-06-01

## Guidelines and Literature

### Guidelines

- WHO Guidelines: Remdesivir is recommended for treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalized patients under specific conditions as per WHO guidance.

Publisher: World Health Organization | Date: 2020-03-27  
<https://www.who.int/publications/guidelines>

- NICE Guidelines: NICE recommends remdesivir as an antiviral treatment option for hospitalized COVID-19 patients requiring oxygen.

Publisher: National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) | Date: 2020-12-01  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>

### Publications

- PMID 39816292 (2024): Successful Sequential Treatment From Remdesivir to Molnupiravir for Prolonged COVID-19 in a Patient With Follicular Lymphoma and Renal Pelvic Carcinoma: A Case Report.

Journal: Cureus  
Finding: Title suggests a case report on sequential treatment with remdesivir and molnupiravir for prolonged COVID-19.

- PMID 39811032 (2024): Incidence of bradycardia with the use of remdesivir for coronavirus disease of 2019 and risk factor analysis.

Journal: International journal of critical illness and injury science  
Finding: Title suggests analysis of bradycardia incidence associated with remdesivir use in COVID-19.

- PMID 39739156 (2025): Treatment pattern and clinical outcomes of remdesivir in hospitalized COVID-19 patients with severe chronic kidney disease: a database analysis of acute care hospitals in Japan.

Journal: Clinical and experimental nephrology  
Finding: Title suggests research on treatment patterns and outcomes of remdesivir in COVID-19 patients with severe CKD.

- PMID 39743047 (2025): Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of novel 2'-deoxy-2'-spirooxetane-7-deaza-purine nucleoside analogs as anti-SARS-CoV-2 agents.

Journal: Antiviral research

Finding: Title suggests development and evaluation of novel nucleoside analogs as anti-SARS-CoV-2 agents.

## News Signals

- Black marketing Remdesivir in Covid: Two get two years in jail - Times of India

Times of India | 2025-05-28

Report on legal actions against black marketing of Remdesivir during COVID-19 in India.

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi0AFBVV95cUxOaUNITURESII0aINHb0IUOXg2ay1pMWgwN2pEcU5vMm1HRU90TWo0Nm-tiMIZ6NEUxQ0hKX2E2MGhNeWNIQWg2NjA3ZGRVakNfWTIDMIBiSkN6QldlclZXMmIVZjluMIV5N05ZYWt-SZ2JiRXNlcVNDYVZ6MTc5M3U1YzFQYjVzd3pTTHkzd1k1bHM1ZXhDTGdFWUpvRnFUUEUtdSHdKZnoxRXdyOEJ0bTd4NndKV-GRFYXl2WDZYV3BaTHRveHFYTDIZVmpod3lZMnh00gHWAUFVX3lxTE9SVEZkVThmR3duZGxlejFIWGRQO2tibTh4UUIFZFhiN-WFrSkNidkZDaWhUU0FpaElxdC1fVHgweWZLaDV4SmtFRVcyQWWhqMUMyaFpza25fQ09sLWRnWXlvRmxzc0h0QVkbzWJYSzR-felFXIYIzMFV0MXRmTmhiMVVQVFNEV29udlJwbFBlaC1VcnEtb0JwUC1LUMUzdWQ4NWVseWx4VXRuUmVVdEJNcj-ZLVHR1ZIB6M1k4cEVzZldsU1Z6N01XV0VsY2JiLXNMenRPRDJuNXc?oc=5>

- Coronavirus: Pune Municipal Corporation Issues Guidelines for Use of Remdesivir in COVID-19 Patients - The

## Bridge Chronicle

The Bridge Chronicle | 2025-05-29

Local Indian guidelines issued for the use of Remdesivir in COVID-19 patients by Pune Municipal Corporation.

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMi0gFBVV95cUxORkZIRtJWZXN1RElqS25TSkRid29pb3M4dIRGdU1Lbzd5TU51QUQwVGhU-UlZQMkhQMDdma3Jxa2FxRW9mcWJPVmtkVXIDRWg5RmR6S3VfY01TSzhqaUJLcldXbldzcndIX0g4SmNxxQVBOZGIYSFdu-aTJQLU9UMIR0QnBveHppUUZPR01xcVZ0a0RzclJpTWhrUGV0NzI0NFhFYIHSAA8BQVVfeXFMTUlxYnQ5XzhoRkV5Q0QwcUN-hUzRhSDRpOVNzb050UnRYaE9fWfVjalFraEhXSVZNaVJDeTl4RVdUYmk3X1h6UmU5MzJ5LVdvWVFPWkFLTFh1RnVucUtMSHBsM-mdCTVRvcUJUVjdxVQ4R0hHU1k0bVVan01pbkpxRkxCdXJXX1EwbkktWEtTLXpaSEZNY0czRkloNFBsBmFPNFF6RThYb3Zu-UzhoWUJ4TQ?oc=5>

- What does the widespread use of Remdesivir in COVID-19 management in India and short supply of it teach us? - orfonline.org

orfonline.org | 2021-05-06

Analysis of remdesivir supply challenges and usage during COVID-19 in India.

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMimAFBVV95cUxQT0x1WU9UOFFhMkhmN3NsS3ZzeHpTR3FGVmVNa2E3RnBGTjh-HcG5Dc3hITFNkYU5CQVvNbTFJNld4SWIzTkVKYU1LTEFjaFZ5Q0pscnFYMURBSENUQ19QLWWhdkluRn-NoMGwtX1Jad3BaOVJzcXZuRk15QWWh0R0QxMm1hSmZhR1dtVUR0U1FnVfH6MDRxTzVQVg?oc=5>

- COVID digest: India bans export of remdesivir treatment drug - DW

DW | 2021-04-11

India banned export of Remdesivir drug amid COVID-19 crisis to ensure local availability.

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMiqwFBVV95cUxNeUc5MXhhUXh4OXhQbE5Ob1ROWetScTdxU0xyYksxZml3c1hudWNwR-mdieFVQU3oybnN5LWpiUUYPpR05ad3QxNI9ua3JmdW5SQUUN0Qkp6LTNrMkRkdFA0M1JTRVBQd0c5cGdNSktxX0VybN-lamWVVFQkJiNG5Cb0dDQXFETDVGMFdkMEpQS0Y1cFctWWNXNUk5anR6bFVklMI3UjVZOGxZaFd4dFXSAasBQVVfeXFMTIR-ZOUFsTWdyNVlueEdTdFZrc21KMENTbGNpQlBMZEgxc1Bydy15SnBUNldQVmxUZGFoaGVVSQ-lo1VENOX2QwekVWVeXNNSkoyc3BZSWpsM0ZTeE9uSG1Zb1A2UHJITEowSHNIQ0xIVDVSbXg1ZU1MSjhFVzZwRzE0VHI5SjN-fWUU2YWUzejTZTZVhZi1raDNBTUNGdFdxX2hVVUdqdZVQME5MdDZj?oc=5>

- India approves remdesivir for restricted emergency use in COVID-19 patients - European Pharmaceutical

## Review

European Pharmaceutical Review | 2020-07-07

India approved remdesivir for restricted emergency use in COVID-19 patients.

<https://news.google.com/rss/articles/CBMizgFBVV95cUxNVzk1UW5tNIRhb3FhNkUxZU41bEFxeWVidUlyVUNmUjBpV3hhYUliS-ERXS0VDTTU2cmZGNEhsVndkejZ4Q3F3ZjFSN2dmLU95TGxJWWhITkRmeIBmNTRBWEZ2aEIEcEdzRGpfd25lbEplZGxtZ2NPvjF-SOXFUMkjiN2oydm9nMTIYUjQb2xsaXVas0t4YzRoRjBkbHJQclVEMko4dk1pNFlwRnNleHpvMnhTWfHubE9zV1Y0TDFWegGlrUW-poTEIZeER4SWFQdw?oc=5>

## Repurposing Options

- Targeted subgroup usage

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Evidence: WHO Guidelines, NICE Guidelines

## Risks and Gaps

- Limited late-stage clinical evidence
- Geography-specific data gaps for India

## References

- guideline: WHO Guidelines

<https://www.who.int/publications/guidelines>

- guideline: NICE Guidelines

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>

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- publication: PMID:39743047

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- trial: NCT04610541

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