MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 12, 2021

TO: Santé Physicians

FROM: Kelly Lilles, Director, Physician Services

RE: Monoclonal Antibody Treatments for COVID -19

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The Fresno County of Public Health (FCDPH) is recommending monoclonal antibodies (Bamlanivimab and Regenereon) as COVID-19 options available to healthcare provider. We are pleased to share with you that some of our local hospitals have received allotments of the monoclonal antibodies that are truly making a difference in those suffering from COVID-19.

The monoclonal antibodies are an important tool in keeping patients from deteriorating and to assist the hospitals from becoming overwhelmed. There is preliminary suggesting a 2/3 to ¾ reduction in emergency room visits.

Who is eligible to receive the Monoclonal Antibodies?

The FDA has approved patients can receive the Monoclonal Antibodies within the first 10 days of diagnosis who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 or hospitalization. High risk is defined as patients who meet the criteria listed in the Healthy Advisory attached.

The Monoclonal Antibodies are not authorized for use in patients who a hospitalized due to COVID -19 or who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, or who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying non-COVID-19 comorbidity.

What information can I give my patients about Monoclonal Antibodies?

As a healthcare provider, you must communicate to your patient or patient/caregiver, as age appropriate, information consistent with the "Fact Sheet for Patents, Parents and Caregivers" (and a copy of the Fact Sheet-links to both Monoclonal Antibodies which are provided below) prior to the patient receiving Monoclonal Antibodies.

Fact Sheet Links:

Regeneron - https://www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/treatment-covid19-eua-fact-sheet-for-patient.pdf

Bamlanivimab - http://pi.lilly.com/eua/bamlanivimab-eua-factsheet-patient.pdf

Where can my patients receive Monoclonal Antibodies?

- St. Agnes - Paul LeBlanc – paul.leblanc@samc.com
- Kaiser - Tim J. Sayles – Tim.J.Sayles@kp.org
- Adventist Reedley/Selma - Ed Abukhazneh – AbukhaAF@ah.org
- Bautista Medical Group (c/o Office Manager Araceli) – (559) 252-7301 Fax (559) 252-1419 jgb2106@yahoo.com
- Coalinga Regional Medical Center – Matt Salas – msalas@crmcmed.org (559) 821-6034 ext. 105

Can I give Monoclonal Antibodies in my office or health care setting?

Yes, you can. There are two Monoclonal Antibody products with FDA emergency use authorizations, bamlanivimab, and casirivimab plus imdevimab (see below links).

Monoclonal Antibody Product Links:

http://pi.lilly.com/eua/bamlanivimab-eua-factsheet-hcp.pdf

https://www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/treatment-covid19-eua-fact-sheet-for-hcp.pdf

At this point, the Monoclonal Antibodies are provided free of charge though Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the state of California. The CMS reimburses healthcare providers for the infusion.

Three local compounding pharmacies (Model Drug in Kingsburg, Pharmerica, and AlixaRX) can provide your office with the Monoclonal Antibodies. Their contact information is below.

- Model Drug Inc. – Natalie Kennedy – Natalie@modeldrug.com (559) 897-1926
- Pharmerica - Diane Lima- Diane.Lima@pharmerica.com (559) 897-1926
- AlixaRx - Darlene Ervin Darlene-ervin@alixarx.com (559) 277-4100
- Community Medical Centers – Stephen Rettig- SRettig@communitymedical.org
- Community Medical Centers - Amy Royston ARoyston@communitymedical.org

If you have any questions or challenges with accessing or administering Monoclonal Antibodies, please contact FCDPH Health Physicians. Contact information is included below:

- Dr. John Zweifler - jzweifle@fresnocountyca.gov
- Dr. Robin Linscheid – rlinscheidjanzen@fresnocountyca.gov

Thank you on behalf of all of us at Santé for making this life-saving treatment available to your COVID-19 patients. We are and continue to be grateful to you, our valuable providers and staff and look forward to helping to conquer COVID -19.