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1. Directors of Pharmacy
2. Medical Directors NHS Boards

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Dear Healthcare Professional,

COVID-19 THERAPEUTIC ALERT - REMDESIVIR FOR PATIENTS HOSPITALISED WITH COVID-19 (ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGED 12 YEARS AND OLDER)

Please see the attached updated information about the treatment of hospitalised patients with COVID-19 with remdesivir.

The UK interim clinical commissioning policy has been updated to allow an extended treatment duration and other exemptions for immunocompromised patients, clarify when a further treatment course might be given following readmission, and reflect exceptions in the eligibility criteria for patients with end-stage renal disease on haemodialysis. I would be grateful if you could cascade this information to relevant colleagues.

Could all Directors of Pharmacy please forward this alert to:-

- Hospital Pharmacists
- Community Pharmacists

Please could Medical Directors forward this alert to:-

- Accident & Emergency Departments
- Directors of Public Health
- Consultants in Communicable Diseases
- Relevant Clinics
- Chief Executives of NHS Board

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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