

Evusheld

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Evusheld is given to some people to protect them from getting, or becoming very sick from, COVID-19. It may reduce the risk of being admitted to hospital.

It is given to people who have trouble making antibodies to fight disease, eg, if you have a weakened immune system.

Evusheld is mostly used before you get COVID-19 but, in some circumstances, using it as a treatment may be appropriate. Your doctors will decide.

Evusheld is made up of two medicines: tixagevimab and cilgavimab. They are monoclonal antibodies. When taken together they stick to the COVID-19 virus and keep it from infecting healthy cells in your body.

Evusheld is given by injection



Evusheld is given as 2 injections one after the other into a muscle; usually 1 injection into each of your buttocks. Your doctor or nurse will give you the injections.

As some people can have an allergic reaction to Evusheld, you will be watched by the nurse or doctor for a short period after your injection.

Tell your healthcare provider

-  Evusheld may not be suitable in some situations. Tell your healthcare provider if you have:
- low numbers of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia)
 - had a heart attack or stroke, or other heart problems
 - a bleeding disorder or are taking medicine to prevent blood clots
 - any allergies to medicines.



If you are pregnant, breastfeeding or are planning to have a baby soon

There is not a lot of research on the impact of Evusheld on pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Talk to your doctor about the potential risks and benefits.



Common and serious side effects are listed on the next page

All medicines have some side effects

Evusheld can cause side effects, although not everyone gets them.

Common side effects

These usually happen within the first 24 hours of having the injections and should go away on their own. Tell your doctor if these side effects cause you problems or don't go away:

- pain
- redness, itching or swelling near where the injection was given.

Rare, serious side effects

Call 111 for an ambulance or immediately go to the nearest hospital if you notice these side effects and tell them you are taking Evusheld:

- **Signs of an allergic reaction such as:**
 - feeling short of breath, wheezing, difficulty breathing
 - swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body
 - severe skin rash, itching, hives.
- **Signs of blood clots or heart problems such as:**
 - pain or discomfort in the chest, arms, neck, back, stomach, legs or jaw
 - shortness of breath
 - swelling in your ankles or lower legs
 - coughing up blood
 - loss of movement or weakness on one side of the body or face, severe headache.