Patient Speaking Points: Monoclonal Antibody Treatment
Bamlanivimab Emergency Use Authorization

Please use the following speaking points when discussing monoclonal antibody treatment with patients.

- You are being considered for the new COVID-19 treatment called bamlanivimab, which is a monoclonal antibody therapy.
  - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an Emergency Use Authorization for this treatment.
  - The treatment has been shown to reduce hospitalization and emergency department visits for patients who are at high risk for COVID-19 to progress rapidly.

- Northwestern Medicine has a limited inventory of the treatment. We are evaluating each patient’s risk factors to determine who should receive it.

- Risk factors that will determine whether you receive the treatment include, among others:
  - Age 18 or older with a BMI of 35 or more, or a chronic or immune system disease
  - Age 55 or older with cardiovascular disease, hypertension or a chronic respiratory disease
  - Age 65 or older

- The treatment is for patients with COVID-19 who have been diagnosed within the past 10 days and are not hospitalized.

- Because we have a limited supply of bamlanivimab, I cannot start you on the treatment immediately. If you are approved to receive treatment, a representative from NM will call you within 72 hours to make arrangements. If you don’t receive a call within 72 hours, it means that you were not approved for treatment.

- This is an infusion medication, which means it is given to you through the vein with an IV and you will need to come into the hospital for treatment.

- The treatment is more effective the sooner you receive it.

- If NM is able to accommodate your referral for monoclonal antibody treatment:
  - You will receive a call from Northwestern Medicine within 72 hours.
  - Please answer the call. It is unlikely that you will receive a second call, and there will not be an option for you to call back.
  - During the call, you will be offered available appointment times. Please note that infusion appointments can be as long at four hours.
  - If the NM hospital closest to you doesn’t have any remaining appointments, you will be offered an appointment at another NM hospital.
  - If called in the morning, you may be offered an appointment for later that same day in the afternoon. Please plan ahead and arrange for transportation if needed.