

Instruction of Paxlovid (Treatment for COVID-19)

Indication: For individuals aged 12 and above, weighing 40 kilograms or more, to treat mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease (COVID-19) caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Dosage: PAXLOVID consists of 2 medicines: nirmatrelvir (oval, pink tablets) and ritonavir (white tablets).

- The standard dosage is twice a day, taking 2 pink tablets (Nirmatrelvir 150mg) and 1 white tablet (Ritonavir 100mg) each time, for a 5-day course.



One box contains five blister packs, providing a five-day treatment course. Each blister pack contains a day's worth of medication.



Take all 3 tablets from the **gold-colored side in the morning** and all 3 tablets from the **blue-colored side in the evening**. Each dose contains 3 tablets: 2 pink tablets and 1 white tablet.

Precautions:

- Possible side effects include altered taste, diarrhea, high blood pressure, and muscle pain, although not everyone will experience these. Consult your healthcare provider if you notice these or any other unusual reactions. If the reactions are mild, it is not recommended to stop the medication without consulting your healthcare provider.
- This medication may interact with many other drugs. If you are taking other medications, consult your healthcare provider first.
- If you have kidney disease or reduced renal function, talk to your physician. You may need a different dose.

 A photograph of a blister pack similar to the one above, but with large red 'X' marks over the gold and blue sides. This indicates that the standard three-tablet dose should be reduced for patients with kidney disease.

For patients with eGFR (glomerular filtration rate) between 30-60 mL/min, the dosage should be reduced to Nirmatrelvir 150mg + Ritonavir 100mg, taking 1 pink tablet and 1 white tablet each time.

How to Take Paxlovid:

- Can be taken with or without food.
- Swallow the tablets whole; do not chew, break, or crush them. If there is a need for administration via a tube, consult a pharmacist for guidance.
- **Completing the full five-day course** is crucial.

If you forget to take the medication:

- If remembered within 8 hours of the scheduled time, take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue with the regular schedule.
- If more than 8 hours have passed, do not take the missed dose. Instead, take the next scheduled dose at the regular time. Do not double the dose.



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How can I learn more about COVID-19?

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Visit <https://www.cdc.gov.tw/Disease/SubIndex/N6XvFa1YP9CXyD0kNSA9A>