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Last week we shared breaking news that two new oral antiviral medications, [Paxlovid](#) and [Molnupiravir](#), were authorized by FDA. The FDA authorized these two medications to treat mild-moderate COVID-19 in adults who are at high risk for progression to severe disease. Although this medication has been authorized by the FDA, the Federal government is controlling distribution of the limited supply. Unlike other medications, Paxlovid is allocated by the Federal government to states or counties, and then distributed to pharmacies like Consonus for dispensing.

Consonus currently has Paxlovid in stock at our Washington and Nevada pharmacies!

The amount of medication Consonus has available to dispense may vary daily. Therefore, we recommend that you contact Consonus before placing an order so that our pharmacists can recommend the best therapy for your individual patient based on medication availability.

Molnupiravir

Currently, our pharmacies do not have Molnupiravir in stock. We anticipate a higher demand for Paxlovid with its greater efficacy in preventing hospitalization (88%) vs. Molnupiravir (30%).

Paxlovid Key Prescribing Considerations

Reviewing the individual patient's complete medication profile, including over-the-counter medicines and herbal supplements, to evaluate the potential for drug-drug interactions must be done BEFORE Paxlovid is started. Paxlovid has significant interactions with other medications and cause patients to have adverse reactions if not managed appropriately. Medications in the following classes are likely to interact with Paxlovid:



- certain antiarrhythmics
- oral anticoagulants
- immunosuppressants
- anticonvulsants
- antineoplastics
- neuropsychiatric drugs

If the likelihood of a significant adverse reaction is identified, clinicians should consider the risks and benefits of using Paxlovid. Consultation with your Consonus pharmacist, HIV specialist, and/or the patient's specialty providers should be considered, especially for patients receiving highly specialized therapies.

Click link to refer to [The EUA fact sheet for \(Paxlovid\)](#) and the [Liverpool COVID-19 Drug Interactions website](#), which are useful for identifying and managing drug-drug interactions.

Consonus Pharmacy is a Resource

Do not hesitate to contact your pharmacist or nurse if you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines or therapeutic treatment options. Thank you for your partnership!