Washington Coronavirus Patient Is Recovering After Receiving a Trial of an Experimental Antiviral Drug

The patient is still in the hospital, but all of his symptoms except a cough have resolved.

By Elise Herron | Published February 1  Updated February 1

The first person in the Pacific Northwest, and the United States, to become infected with the Wuhan coronavirus is recovering in the hospital after receiving a possible new treatment.

The patient, a 35-year-old man, admitted himself to an urgent care clinic in Snohomish County, Washington on Jan. 19 after returning from a trip to Wuhan, according to a New England Journal of Medicine report on the case.

Tom James @tomjames206
January 31, 2020

Have been off Twitter for a while and god it was nice. Thinking I'm going to be on here a lot less.

But, news is a thing and there's a couple of interesting bits in a recent Lancet writeup of Washington's own (nation's first) Coronavirus case....

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January 31, 2020

First, it appears the Washington coronavirus patient has largely recovered, according to a writeup today in the New England Journal of Medicine, which described his #nCoV2019 symptoms as largely resolved, although he's still in isolation.

First Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in the... Original Article from The New England Journal of Medicine — First Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in the United States nejm.org

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"The patient stated that he had seen a health alert from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the novel coronavirus outbreak in China and, because of his symptoms and recent travel, decided to see a health care provider," the report reads. "Given the patient's travel history, the local and state health departments were immediately notified."

After testing positive for the deadly coronavirus, the patient was admitted to an isolation unit at Providence Regional Medical Center. On his sixth day of hospitalization, according to the NEJM, "clinicians pursued compassionate use of an investigational antiviral therapy."

After treatment with the antiviral, Remdesivir, "the patient's clinical condition improved." The patient is still in the hospital, but all of his symptoms except a cough have resolved.

Remdesivir is made by the drug company Gilead Sciences. It is not yet licensed or approved but it is being tested as a coronavirus treatment.

So far, 259 people have died from the coronavirus and nearly 12,000 cases—including seven in the U.S.—have been confirmed. The U.S. government Friday declared a public health emergency over the coronavirus and starting Sunday, anyone flying to the U.S. who visited the Hubei province in the last 14 days will be subject to a 14-day quarantine.

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3 Responses
RDV is a broad spectrum anti-viral, and if we're going to be accurate (as opposed to adopting insurance industry language) then we should note that anything related to the Wuhan corona virus at this stage is "experimental."

OregonMamacita • Jexpat 9 days ago
Your cogent post is out of place in the WW comment section.

Uncle Uh-Huh • 10 days ago
Okay. But what will it cost ya? Like that diabetes drug that costs $300 in the U.S., but only $20 in the rest of the world?

TJ • Uncle Uh-Huh 10 days ago
Gotta agree here. Is this something that can be made widely available if needed?

chillywilly • Uncle Uh-Huh 8 days ago
Umm, guess what smart guy? Drugs are expensive to produce. Unfortunately the US, being a prosperous country, has to pay higher prices to subsidize the rest of the third-world hellholes out there who get if for cheap.

TJ • 10 days ago
I wonder - what are the potential side-effects? I understand fully that it’s far preferable to death, but fully-informed is fully-informed, yo.
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