

# Video: Does remdesivir work for COVID-19?

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The first double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. The researchers discovered that patients treated with the drug were on average sick for less time – an average of 11 days versus 15.

They also found some evidence that the drug appeared to slightly reduce

severity of the disease, and to slightly reduce the [fatality rate](#). There was no indication that Remdesivir could be used to completely cure COVID-19. More studies are needed to determine effective dosing strategies to reduce severity and duration of illness, and to better understand the impact of the [drug](#) on different kinds of patients.

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