

Use of tixagevimab and cilgavimab (Evusheld) injection in NSW must be in accordance with the latest [ACI Guidance](#).

### Access to these medicines

- Patients with an existing link to a NSW Health or private health facility should receive Evusheld injection during a scheduled encounter with the health service e.g., outpatient clinic appointment with medical specialist or during a visit for the administration of chemotherapy. NSW Health clinicians must liaise with the local Pharmacy Department to organise supply prior to the scheduled appointment for administration.
- Patients without an existing link to a NSW Health or private health facility **AND** who are eligible according to latest ACI Guidance, can obtain supply from a NSW Health Pharmacy Department on the prescription of a GP or community-based medical specialist. **Administration of the medicine should take place at the GP or community-based medical specialist's usual practice.**
- Supply can only be obtained from selected NSW Health Pharmacy Departments. Complete a CEC [Prescription and Declaration – Evusheld for pre-exposure prophylaxis against COVID-19](#) form and send it via fax or email to a specified Pharmacy Department (see Page 2 of the form). **This document acts as both a prescribing declaration and prescription.**
  - This declaration/prescription can also be accessed on the Health Pathways portal.
  - **All fields on the form are mandatory.**
  - A copy of Pages 1 and 2 of the form must be kept in the patient's medical record and NOT provided to the patient.
  - Only electronic versions of this prescribing declaration and prescription sent via email or fax will be accepted by NSW Health Pharmacy Departments. Hard copies will not be accepted.

### Follow up appointment for administration

- Patients prescribed Evusheld for dispensing by a NSW Health Pharmacy Department will require a follow-up appointment to have the medicine administered. **It will not be administered by a NSW Health clinician.**
- Inform the patient to book in a time for administration after liaison with the NSW Health Pharmacy Department on the date and time of collection of the medicine.

### Information to provide to the patient

- Complete Page 3 of the form and provide it to the patient (in hard copy or electronic format). This page contains important information about the name of the medicine they have been prescribed, the dispensing location and the time and date of their follow-up appointment for administration. **Please note the collection point may differ from the pharmacy site that accepts the prescription.**
- Inform the patient that dispensing and collection of the medicine will only occur within the operating hours shown on Page 2 of the Prescription and Declaration form.
- The patient will be contacted by the Hospital Pharmacy representative to organise collection of their medicine. The collection point, date and time will be determined in negotiation with the patient.
- The patient will be provided with written information (Patient Information and Consumer Medicines Information leaflets) with their medicine.

### Administration of Evusheld

- The CEC [Drug Guideline: Use of tixagevimab and cilgavimab injection for COVID-19](#) provides guidance on the safe preparation and administration of Evusheld.
- Despite the drug sponsor and TGA not suggesting a post administration observation period for Evusheld, NSW Health recommends that patients are observed for 15 minutes after receiving their dose.

### Important resources

- [ACI Guidance for the use of anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies and antiviral agents as prophylaxis or to prevent severe infection from COVID-19 in NSW](#)
- [CEC Information for patients, family and carers](#)
- [Consumer Medicines Information leaflet](#)
- [Drug Guideline: Use of tixagevimab and cilgavimab injection for COVID-19](#)
- [TGA approved Product Information](#)