

Press Note

1. Government of India has allocated 210 Tocilizumab injections to Telangana. In the first phase, up to 80 injections will be made available for patients in the state over next 10 days.
2. Tocilizumab is an imported drug manufactured by Roche. It is being prescribed for some COVID-19 patients under certain conditions. The drug went out of stock in the country a few weeks ago.
3. Fresh limited stock of this drug has been imported and is available with the lone marketer company Cipla Ltd for marketing and distribution.
4. In order to ensure judicious use of this drug, Government in Memo No. 4133/G/2021-1 dated 30th April 2021 of Health Medical and Family Welfare Department have set up a committee consisting of the following three members to recommend allocation of Tocilizumab to patients in government and private hospitals:
 - i. Director, NIMS
 - ii. Director, Medical Education
 - iii. Director, Public Health
5. Office of Director, Medical Education will receive applications from hospitals for the drug for specific patients with detailed recommendations of a team of 3 specialists after assessment of the patient's condition in the attached format.
6. The committee shall allocate the drug after satisfying the following criteria:
 - i. No active bacterial/fungal/tubercular infection
 - ii. Not improving despite use of steroids
 - iii. Significantly raised inflammatory markers (CRP &/or IL-6)
 - iv. Presence of severe disease (preferably within 24 to 48 hours of onset of severe disease/ICU admission)
7. The marketing company shall issue the drug as per recommendation of the abovesaid committee.
8. Applications can be sent by hospitals to the following email address:
dme@telangana.gov.in

APPLICATION FOR TOCILIZUMAB ALLOCATION

1. Patient & hospital details

2. Treating hospital contact person details:

Name		
Age		
Gender		
Date of onset of symptoms		
Date of COVID test positive		
Diagnosis		
Treating hospital name		
Date of admission		
Inpatient number		
Treating physician		
Name	Contact number	Email

3. Recommendation of hospital-based specialist committee:

Present condition of the patient:

- ICU from date:
- Patient is on: CPAP/Ventilator (select one)
- Date since when patient on CPAP/Ventilator:
- Steroids started from date:
- Name of steroid given:
- Cumulative dose of steroid given:
- Antibiotics started from date:
- Latest parameters:

CBP		IL-6		D-dimer	
Serum Creatinine		CRP		Procalcitonin	
LFT		Ferritin		LDH	

- **HRCT:** CORAD: CT SEVERITY SCORE:
- Blood culture reports, if available:

(Name &Signature)
Specialist 1

(Name &Signature)
Specialist 2

(Name & Signature)
Specialist 3

NOTE: All the abovementioned lab reports need to be sent as annexures.

4. **TOCILIZUMAB:** Recommended Not recommended

(DIRECTOR, NIMS)

(DME)

(DPHFW)