# Right Patient, Right Time, Right Place: A Critical Challenge of COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies

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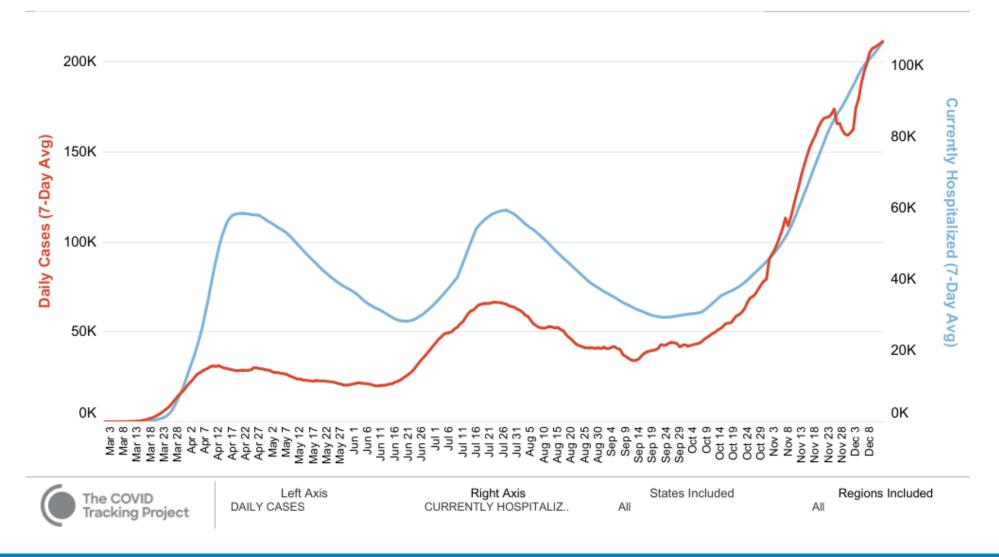
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## COVID-19 mAbs: great but uncertain potential

- Trial submitted for EUA show statistically significant reduction of hospitalizations in high-risk patients
  - 75% for bamlanivimab, 67% for casirivimab + imdevimab
- Small trials and low baseline risk raise uncertainty
  - IDSA: Conditional recommendation against the **routine** use of bamlanivimab due to "very low certainty of evidence"
  - NIH: "At this time, there are insufficient data to recommend either for or against the use of bamlanivimab for the treatment of outpatients with mild to moderate COVID-19."

#### Daily Cases & Currently Hospitalized. 7-Day Average Lines





#### The COVID-19 mAb allocation challenge

To help the patients who could benefit the most, we need:

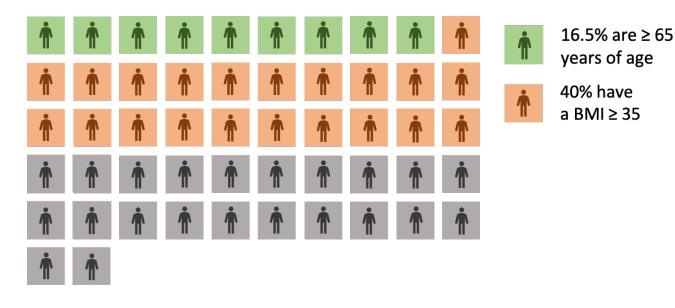
- Identify the right patients
- At the right time (early in disease progression)
- And at the right place (provider burden, patient location)

This is not remdesivir...

#### Right patient challenge: Number of eligible patients exceeds supply

- EUA criteria are very broad
  - Over 65 or
  - BMI>35 or
  - certain comorbidities
- Supply is limited
  - Over 1.2M doses should be available by end of January

5,207,541 new cases reported Nov 9-Dec 9



337,182 courses of mAbs allocated Nov 9-Dec 9

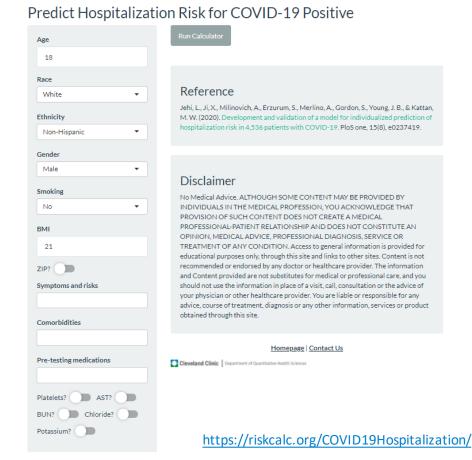


#### Right patient challenge

- In a typical shortage, providers narrow eligibility criteria using information on future supplies and clinical data
- But remdesivir and mAbs have been different:
  - Federal government and states are involved
  - Available future supplies not known outside HHS
  - Limited clinical data to support narrowing eligibility beyond EUA high-risk
- States have differentially embraced their new role:
  - Many set up allocation boards that involved health system participants
  - For mAbs, generally did little to narrow eligibility criteria

#### With limited data, providers seem to use two approaches for narrowing criteria

- Rely on lottery
  - Usually based on state guidance
- Rely on baseline risk
  - Needed to treat (NNT) to prevent an ER visit or hospitalization with bamlanivimab was about 10 patients for the high-risk group versus about 21 patients in the full study cohort
  - The differential appears related to baseline risk rather than differential efficacy of the drug with hospitalizations dropping (71%) for high-risk vs the overall group (75%)

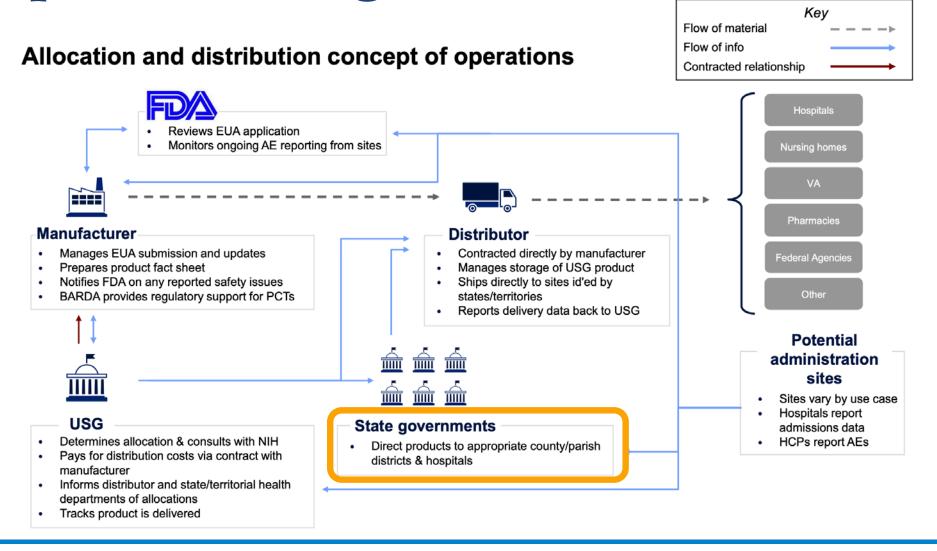


#### Right time challenge

- Need to infuse within 10 days of symptoms, but...
  - Patients generally don't seek care until quite ill
  - Many other parts of the process can have delays
- Role for providers
  - Check eligibility and discuss treatment options when testing
  - Ensure prompt test turnaround time and rapid referral
- Role for states
  - Enable screening for high-risk patients at testing sites
  - Check for health system and facility readiness and capacity
  - Support efforts to streamline the test-to-infusion timeline



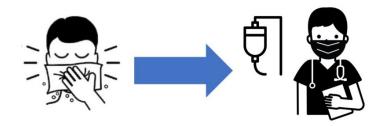
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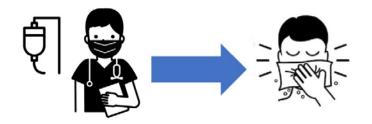
Phase 1 of distribution only included hospital systems and hospital-affiliated locations

#### Bring patient to infusion site



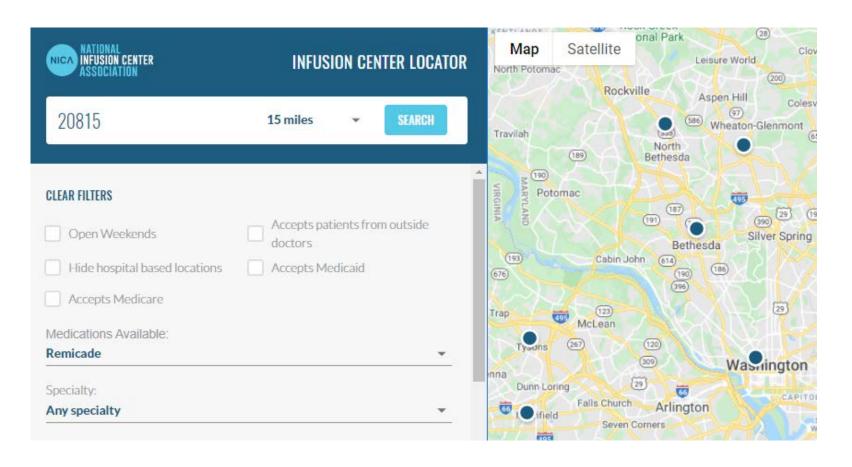
- How to address need to staffing shortages and COVID precautions?
- How do physicians not affiliated with hospitals refer patients?
- How to reach vulnerable communities?

#### Bring infusion site to the patient



- How to operationalize the home-infusion model for LTC?
- How to scale home-infusion?

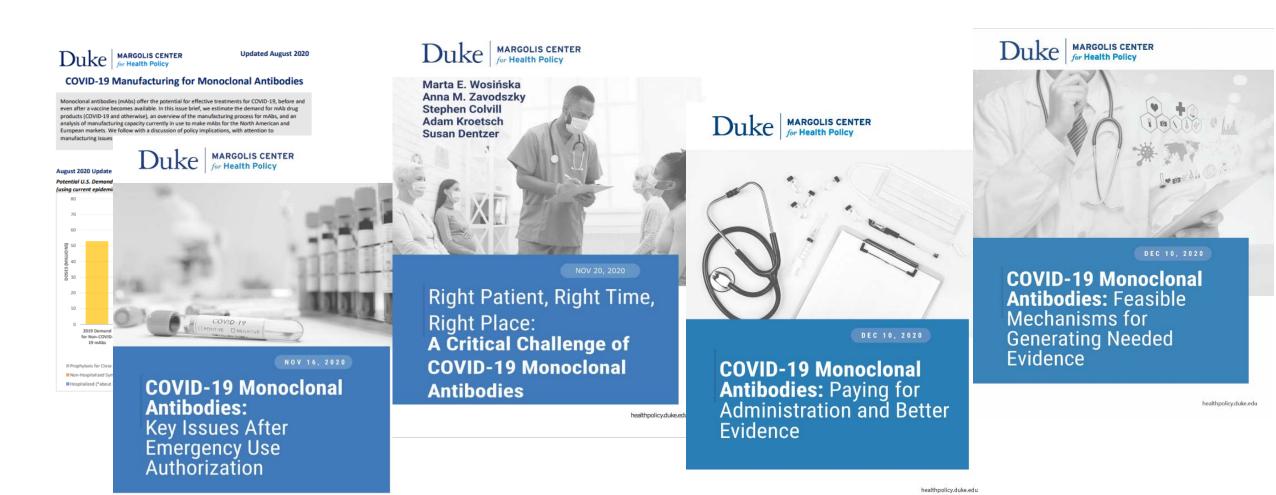
## Right place challenge: Where should physicians refer patients to?



## What does vaccination of high risk groups mean for COVID-19 mAb allocation?

- Should patients who have received one vaccine dose be eligible for COVID-19 mAbs?
- How will priority groups change once vaccines are being administered in settings like LTC facilities?

### Duke-Margolis papers on COVID-19 mAbs



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## Thank you!

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