

Ivermectin not recommended for COVID-19 *(Interview Transcripts)*

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“Ivermectin is a medication that was developed to treat parasites. It is essentially like an antibiotic for parasites and has been studied against parasites like scabies or lice – which are parasites you might be familiar with. It has no known effect against a bacteria and it has no known effect against a virus.” (:27)

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“We do want the patient to be involved in treatment choices, but the standard model of medical care in this country is the patient who is experiencing symptoms comes to see the doctor, the doctor evaluates the symptoms, may do some diagnostic tests, and determines a diagnosis. Then, the doctor recommends treatment.” (:22)

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“If you go to the doctor with a broken ankle, they are not going to recommend you take a pill. They may recommend surgery or a cast and crutches, but they are not going to recommend a pill for that treatment. That is the simplest way I can explain to please get the evaluation of a physician and the recommended treatment.” (:24)

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“There are outpatient treatments such as monoclonal antibodies that has been tested and proven to work in patients who are not in need of hospitalization. There is a medication called Remdesivir, which is a treatment for people who do need hospitalization. And, of course, the safe and very effective vaccines are good at helping to prevent you from getting sick. Taking medications that are not prescribed by a doctor to treat COVID-19 because you’ve heard about it on social media is not a safe way to treat yourself.” (:36)