

PROMISING PRACTICES FOR PROMOTING UTILIZATION OF COVID-19 MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY TREATMENTS

With systematic connections to affiliated and standalone providers, local testing sites and programs, and other sources of patient referral, **hospitals with dedicated infusion centers** are able to provide patients with timely access to COVID-19 monoclonal antibody (mAb) treatments. Here, we outline emerging promising practices, example stakeholder antibody treatment efforts, and shared resources to further support hospitals directly infusing antibody treatments at scale.

CRITICAL STEPS

Streamline the care process

- [Playbook](#) for mAb infusion
- Timely scheduling for referred patients
- Set up direct access to mAb supplies through [ASPR's SPEED program](#) or [ASPR's direct ordering process](#)
- Assistance with [transportation](#) if available

Educate participants in the care process

- Assure that community [providers](#) and [patients](#) are aware of infusion availability (via web resources, state supports, etc.)
- Provide patients with [educational support](#) regarding benefits and risks of infusion

Expand footprint to increase access

- Assure that infusion capacity is adequate to meet current and projected local needs (state/local public health and regional planning)

Ensure adequate payment

- Verify that infusion costs are covered by infusion fee

INNOVATIVE EXAMPLES & RESOURCES

Streamline the care process

- ASPR provides various [resources](#) for setting up a monoclonal antibody infusion program including a [regularly updated playbook](#) and a series of [planning considerations](#) for administering antibodies.
- ASPR's website includes a descriptive [example](#) of a 15-chair monoclonal antibody infusion center, highlighting important factors including staffing needs, facility layout, criteria and protocols, additional resources, and payment considerations.

Educate participants in care process

- ASPR has released a [Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics Digital Toolkit](#) with educational material about treatment options tailored for various social media platforms and a variety of patient demographics to increase patient awareness of treatment availability and eligibility criteria.
- The National Infusion Center Association (NICA) has extensive sets of resources on their website targeted at antibody infusion [providers, prescribers, and patients](#).
- HHS has a [locator tool](#) displaying locations that have received COVID-19 monoclonal antibody allocations.
- Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) holds a weekly [Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series](#) webinar supported by ASPR educating clinicians about various aspects of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapy. Project ECHO also has an extensive list of monoclonal antibody resources on their website for a wide range of providers.

Expand footprint to increase access

- NICA has expanded their preexisting [infusion center locator](#) to include information about COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment locations. Providers can add, claim, or update their center's profile to ensure up-to-date content and contact information is listed.