

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: March 2, 2022
Re: NSH COVID-19 Antiviral Therapy Consult Service; Inhaled Budesonide

NSH COVID-19 Antiviral Therapy Consult Service

Nova Scotia Health (NSH) has launched a [COVID-19 Antiviral Therapy Consult Service](#) staffed by NSH clinical pharmacists.

Pharmacists with patients prescribed sotrovimab or nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid™) who need advice or help in managing drug interactions are encouraged to call **1-833-714-2784 between 9am-5pm, 7 days a week**. Please note this line is intended for health professionals and should not be shared with patients.

The consult service also provides support to NSH designated prescribers of sotrovimab and nirmatrelvir/ritonavir (Paxlovid™) and to other healthcare providers with patients who have been prescribed these medications.

Inhaled Budesonide

Inhaled budesonide, while not required to be prescribed by a designated prescriber, is also indicated for the management of COVID-19 symptoms. Please see the [NSH Information on the Use of Inhaled Budesonide in the Management of Non-Severe COVID-19 Memo](#) for details on appropriate dosing and the importance of not substituting for another product.