

Why You Shouldn't Take Ivermectin for COVID-19

Some people believe that a medicine called ivermectin can be used to prevent or treat COVID-19. Here's what you need to know.



FACT: Ivermectin is used to treat diseases caused by parasites in humans and animals.

Ivermectin products for humans and animals are different. It's dangerous for humans to use products or doses intended for animals.



FACT: The FDA says ivermectin should not be used to prevent or treat COVID-19.

Ivermectin products are approved by the FDA for humans and animals only for very specific diseases. They're not approved for COVID-19.



FACT: There is no valid evidence that ivermectin works for COVID-19.

Atrium Health researchers and doctors have reviewed 21 clinical studies of the use of ivermectin for COVID-19. Every study that said ivermectin works to prevent or treat COVID-19 had major flaws or limitations. This means we can't trust the results.



FACT: Misusing ivermectin can lead to severe side effects, including coma and death.

Even when ivermectin is used in the proper way, it can cause side effects like headache, muscle pain and diarrhea. When you use it the wrong way, there is a greater risk of serious harm.

What to do if you've misused ivermectin:

- If you're experiencing any unusual or life-threatening symptoms, go to the closest emergency room or call 911.
- If you're not experiencing any symptoms, call poison control at 1-800-222-1222.