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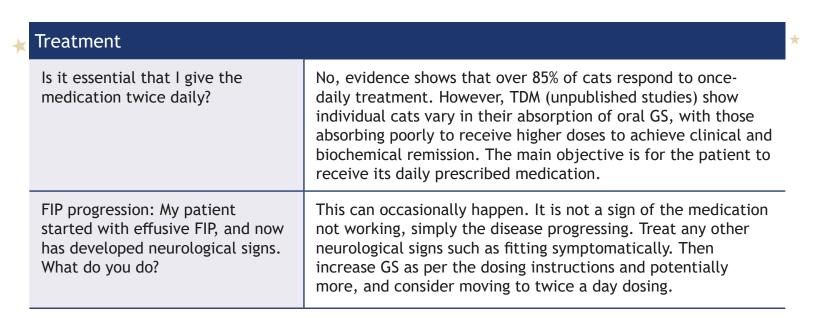
## Feline Infectious Peritonitis FAQs

General	
Is FIP contagious to other cats?	Feline coronavirus is contagious among cats, but not all cats infected with the virus will develop FIP.

Diagnosis	gnosis	
Antibody tests	The majority of cats will have antibodies to FCoV. This is therefore not a useful diagnostic tool.	
Can you start treatment before a definitive diagnosis?	Yes, it can be used as part of the definitive diagnosis. There should be other indications pointing to a suspected FIP diagnosis. Cats will generally respond to treatment, if positive for FIP within 48-72 hours, sometimes sooner.	

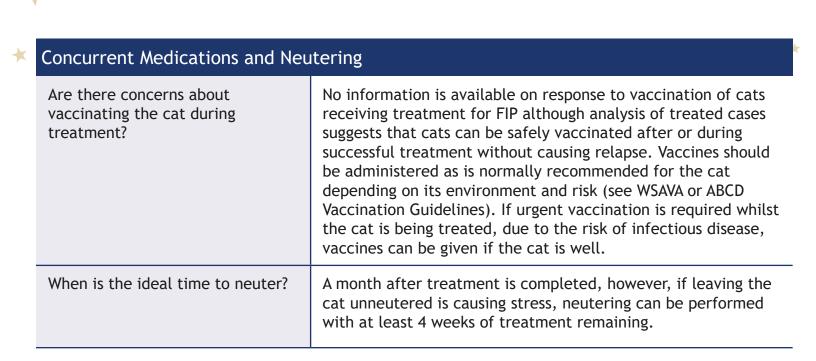
Treatment		
Is there a cure for FIP?	There are legally available options now, with peer-reviewed studies from Taylor, S. et al, 2023 and Coggins, S. et al, 2023, Green, J. et al 2023.	
Should you give FCoV shedders a treatment course?	No, as it is our only major treatment tool for FIP and it can potentially cause resistance. We need to reserve these antimicrobials for patients requiring lifesaving treatment.	
If the cat has commenced treatment on illegal, black-market drugs are they able to transition on to legally available products?	Yes, they should transition, and if the cat has been responding well to treatment, the Stokes formulation should be used to complete the course of 84 days. If the cat has not been responding to black market treatment, a short trial of Stokes oral GS-441524 may be warranted to evaluate for therapeutic failure due to quality control issues with the black market drug. If the cat subsequently responds to the Stokes formulation, they should complete the entire 84 days of therapy on this formulation.	
Do cats need to be treated for 84 days?	Currently yes, however, there is work underway to look at reducing the duration of treatment.	

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Monitoring During Treatment	oring During Treatment	
Weighing the cat	<ul> <li>The cat should be weighed routinely (minimum every 2 weeks), and the dose should be adjusted accordingly.</li> <li>Do NOT leave cats on a set dose for the duration of the treatment. They need to be on mg/kg dose as they will gain weight as they begin to thrive.</li> </ul>	
What happens at 84 days?	The cat should be examined before stopping treatment. All assessments should ideally be normal. The cat should be re-examined approximately 4 weeks after stopping treatment or sooner if any clinical signs re-appear.	

Concurrent Medications and Neutering	
Concurrent medications	<ul> <li>Nothing has been formally tested, however, opioids and NSAIDs have been used beneficially when clinically needed. Drugs such as maropitant may benefit cats when feeling nauseous and inappetent.</li> <li>Corticosteroids are contraindicated in the treatment of FIP. However, cats with uveitis may need topical corticosteroids. Cats with severe neurological signs occasionally require short-term systemic corticosteroids to reduce inflammation.</li> </ul>
Are there any contraindications to routine worming and flea treatments?	No.



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