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The Pain of Paxlovid

If you've got Covid, there are three reasons to think twice before taking Paxlovid. First, some people have had a relapse of symptoms after the five-day course. Pfizer encouraged them to take another five days, but the FDA disagreed. Second, Paxlovid has failed to prevent infection of household members, so it can't be used for prophylaxis.

Third, consider the side effects, which include allergic reactions, liver problems, and high blood pressure. There could be more. The FDA admits, "Not many people have taken Paxlovid" and it says it's "still being studied, so it's possible that all of the risks are not yet known." Since side effects for ivermectin are rare, why not try that drug? It stops viral replication and it's inexpensive. Ask your doctor for ivermectin instead.

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