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Dear Dr. Parsey,

We are writing with an urgent plea for the compassionate use of Remdesivir for one of our most respected and beloved colleagues, Dr. Kee Yee Shum, who is intubated and currently fighting for his life at New York's NYU Langone Medical Center.

Dr. Shum is a graduate of Cornell Medical School class of 1981 and is the most senior practicing medical oncologist and hematologist in New York's Chinese-American physician community. He has served as a senior advisor to the Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS), the largest association of Chinese-American medical professionals in North America, and is currently a director of board of the Coalition of Asian-American IPA (CAIPA), a practice association representing over 1,000 physicians and allied health professionals in New York City. As physicians, we see and treat every life as valuable, and try to save as many as we can in the current battle to defeat COVID-19. However, when it comes to our dear friend and colleague Dr. Shum, we cannot help but plead to you directly for your compassionate and kind consideration.

As a former New Yorker and a former colleague at NYU Medical Center, we know you must be extremely proud of what Gilead is doing in this battle to defeat COVID-19, and we greatly appreciate for whatever you could do for New York, for NYU Medical Center, and for our dear friend Dr. Shum.

The following are the clinical details about Dr. Shum's case. Dr. Shum was admitted on 3/23/20 at NYU Langone Hospital with fevers and worsening shortness of breath and found to be COVID-19+. He received hydroxychloroquine, azithromycin and tocilizumab. His respiratory status has continued to decline. He was electively intubated on 3/26/20 due to increased difficulty breathing and is in the ICU. The family is now trying to obtain Remdesivir through compassionate use or expanded access as he would not qualify for the ongoing clinical trial.

Dr. Shum's daughter, Dr. Elaine Shum, also a medical oncologist and hematologist, currently an attending physician at NYU Langone Medical Center, and can be reached at [elaine.shum@nyulangone.org](mailto:elaine.shum@nyulangone.org), or by her cell phone 516-507-7670.

Yours sincerely,



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