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A PROMINENT Sydney doctor's call for an anti-COVID treatment using a triple combination of drugs — including lice treatment “wonder drug” ivermectin — is being considered by the Federal Government.

Centre for Digestive Diseases Professor Thomas Borody, who helped discover the cure for peptic ulcers, is pushing for Australian medical authorities to take notice of the low-cost treatment, which is being adopted overseas.

A triple combination drug, which would also include zinc and a common antibiotic, could help stop the coronavirus in its tracks, if taken early enough, he says.

He wrote to Health Minister Greg Hunt about the combination and a spokesman yesterday said the government had already given \$344,450 to a team at Melbourne's Monash University, to investigate the use of the anti-parasite drug ivermectin.

“The Department of Health is monitoring this research closely,” he said.



**Professor Thomas Borody.**