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BREAKTHROUGH COVID CURE DENIED TO NURSING RESIDENT

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DOCTORS are refusing to give a 94-year-old nursing home resident an experimental treatment that could help her fight deadly COVID-19.

Katharina Lica's desperate family gave their consent to the home in Melbourne immediately on learning of her diagnosis — knowing there is a limited window for action — but have hit brick walls. Daughter Monika Kloszynski said she feared she would never get to see her mother again if she was not given the treatment, which is being trialled in America by Sydney's Professor Thomas Borody and combines three cheap drugs already on the market here. International data has reported an almost 100 per cent cure rate.

"The doctors will not listen, I think we really don't have anything to lose to try this drug," Monika said.

At least one patient at the nursing home, which The Telegraph has chosen not to name, has died from the virus.

The medical practice treating Mrs Lica said it could not prescribe the treatment for her because they have to work to Australian clinical guidelines and the experimental treatment had not been approved for use.



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Monica Kloszynski and her mum Katharina Lica, who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but is being denied a new treatment for it. Picture: Courtesy of Monika Kloszynski