

[Open Peer Review on Qeios](#)

# Protease Inhibitor

National Cancer Institute

## Source

National Cancer Institute. *Protease Inhibitor*. NCI Thesaurus. Code C783.

Any substance that inhibits a protease, an enzyme that breaks peptide bonds. Proteases are required for many cell processes and inhibition of proteases can inhibit viral replication, inflammatory responses, proliferation, and tumor growth.