

What is Hydroxychloroquine?

Hydroxychloroquine has been used for treatment of lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, and malaria.

Why is Hydroxychloroquine being prescribed for patients with COVID-19?

Hydroxychloroquine is currently under investigation in clinical trials for pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis and treatment of patients with mild, moderate, and severe COVID-19. Although US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has NOT approved hydroxychloroquine specifically for the treatment of patients with COVID-19 some clinicians are anecdotally prescribing this medication for COVID-19 diagnosis.

Can Consonus dispense Hydroxychloroquine for non-FDA approved treatment or prophylaxis for COVID-19?

Some pharmacy boards have put limitations on the dispensing of Hydroxychloroquine. Please see below for the limitations in your location.

OREGON:

- Only may be dispensed in hospital for COVID-19 positive patients
- May be dispensed to non-hospital patients with lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and malaria diagnoses

NEVADA:

- Only dispensed to COVID-19 positive patients in *hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility*
- 30-day supply may be dispensed to non-hospital patients with lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and malaria diagnoses

WASHINGTON:

- May be dispensed to patients based on provider and pharmacist discretion
- Prescribing prophylactically for COVID-19 is discouraged

CALIFORNIA:

- No restrictions from CA Board of Pharmacy as of March 26, 2020