

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.

AMDA- The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine discourages the off-label use of Hydroxychloroquine to prevent or treat COVID-19 until efficacy and safety have been tested in clinical trials.

Can Consonus dispensed 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:

- May be dispensed to COVID-19 positive patients in hospital or non-hospital institutional setting
- 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 April 2, 2020

IDAHO:

- Prescription order bears written diagnosis from the prescriber with the evidence for its use
- Prescriptions limited to 14-day supply unless patient was taking medication prior to 3/19/20
- No refills are permitted without a new prescription

Do prescription orders for Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 positive patients have any special requirements?

Yes. Consonus is participating in a national program to make hydroxychloroquine available to COVID-19 positive patients. Please provide a prescription order that indicates the medication is being used for a patient with a COVID-19 positive diagnosis. The medication will be supplied at no charge.