

PATIENT INFORMATION

Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil®)

(hye-drox-ee-KLOR-oh-kwin)

COUNSELING POINTS



TAKE WITH FOOD OR MILK;
DO NOT TAKE WITHIN 4 HOURS OF
ANTACIDS



REPORT ANY VISION CHANGES



TAKE MEDICATION UNTIL GONE,
EVEN IF YOU ARE FEELING BETTER

HOW IS IT TAKEN?

Hydroxychloroquine can be taken by
mouth as a pill (tablet or capsule).

MISSED DOSE?

Take as soon as you remember. If
it is almost time for your next
dose, wait until then and take a
regular dose. Do not take extra.

WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE IS AN ANTI-INFECTION DRUG

FDA approved and most commonly used to treat:

- Malaria (an infection transmitted by mosquitoes)
- Rheumatoid arthritis (chronic inflammation, especially in joints)
- Lupus (autoimmune disease)

USE IN COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

- Research has shown that hydroxychloroquine may be an effective medication to help treat and prevent COVID-19.
- In March 2020, the FDA recognized the potential for hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19. Several hospitals are enrolling patients in COVID-19 clinical trials.
- It is still considered investigational for use in COVID-19, but safety data is available from patients who were on long-term treatment.

SAFETY AND SIDE EFFECTS

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS

Nausea, decreased appetite, fatigue, headaches, dizziness, vision changes, ringing of the ears, vertigo or feeling off balance

RARE, SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS

Changes in vision, eye damage, heart problems, muscle and nerve problems, low blood sugar, changes in mood, serious skin conditions or rashes

ADDITIONAL TIPS

You may still be able to spread the COVID-19 virus, even while taking this medication. Continue to follow your doctor's recommendations to prevent the spread of infection.

Additional information about COVID-19 is available at:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html