# Hydroxychloroquine Dispensing Protocol

### General

* Currently unavailable from wholesaler or there is a limited & allocated supply
* RelyCare is allocating current supply to life-threatening cases

### Covid 19 Usage (Obtained from Nebraska & Ohio Pharmacy Association)

* The prescription bears a written diagnosis code from the prescriber
* If written for a COVID-19 diagnosis, the diagnosis has been confirmed by a positive test result, which is documented on the prescription and both of the following apply
* The prescription is limited to no more than a fourteen-day supply
* No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished

**\*\*This was specific to RelyCare Pharmacy based on conversations with local organizations. Please reach out to local prescribers to get the best guidance\*\***

### Arthritis Usage

* Consulted with Arthritis Center of Nebraska
* Half-life elimination is approximately 40 days
* The long half-life allows the medication to be effective for 40 days even after short term discontinuation
* Communicate with patient with option to forgo treatment allowing supplies to go to critical patients until supplies resume.
* If patient would like to stay on the drug they may half the dosing and/or dose every other day with a limit of one tablet a day.
* Limit refills to 30 days.
* Contact physician if they have further questions

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### Lupus Usage

* The Nebraska Arthritis Clinic would like these patients to remain on the drug if possible.
* Or, the patient could follow the Arthritic guidelines.
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### Covid 19 Dosing being Used.

This is a fluid situation based on data coming in daily. You are advised to check the CDC website daily.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/therapeutic-options.html>

* 400mg BID x 1 day, then 400mg daily x 5 days, or
* 400mg BID x 1 day, then 200mg bid x 4 days, or
* 600mg BID x 1 day, then 400mg daily x 4 days.

### Hospitals

* Hospitals are stocking as much Hydroxychloroquine as possible to take care of the high risk most sick patients
* Health Systems are currently receiving priority in the distribution chain.
* Bryan hospital received product 3-24-2020.
* In the hospital perfect world they would like to buy all local supplies
* They would be very appreciative knowing where supplies are located for emergency life saving measures.
* Hospitals understand that in a Pandemic situation treatment may be done outside of hospital especially if 45 minutes testing becomes widespread allowing greater availability for testing and treatment.
* They are also concerned about the supply of Albuterol MDI.

### Hydroxychloroquine Supply Updated by ASHP (copy & paste)

<https://www.ashp.org/Drug-Shortages/Current-Shortages/Drug-Shortage-Detail.aspx?id=646>