

(U) Can I take hydroxychloroquine without a prescription as treatment for COVID-19?

(U) Many of you have seen the media reports that the prescription medication hydroxychloroquine has activity against the COVID-19 virus. At this point, this drug is **not** recommended to be used by patients **except** by medical professionals prescribing it as part of ongoing investigational studies. There are potentially significant side effects, including sudden cardiac death, associated with hydroxychloroquine and its' individual use in patients need to be carefully selected and monitored by a health care professional. **Please do not obtain this medication on your own.**

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