

Hydroxychloroquine

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Plaquenil®

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How to use this medication

What is it



Hydroxychloroquine is an anti-malarial medication traditionally used to treat different types of arthritis and autoimmune disease.

Take it every day



This medicine is taken either once or twice a day.

Tablets



A typical dose for COVID-19 is 400 mg twice a day on the first day and then 200 mg twice a day for four (4) more days.

Side effects & important facts

Nausea & diarrhea



Hydroxychloroquine agrees with most people. Rarely it can cause an upset stomach or diarrhea.

Skin rash



Hydroxychloroquine can rarely cause a rash. Stop the medicine and let your doctor know if you develop a rash. This is rare.

Headaches



Hydroxychloroquine can rarely cause a headache.

When should I call my doctor

Please call if you need to stop



- If you feel sick and want to stop
- If you are concerned about any side effects
- If you want to or have already stopped the medicine

Other reasons to call your doctor:



Rash



Feeling sick



Ringing in the ears

Other important information

Stopping hydroxychloroquine



You can simply stop taking hydroxychloroquine. You do not need to wean off it. Please call your doctor if you stop the medication.

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