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Ambulatory and Inpatient LIPs

Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine Prescription Restrictions Alert for COVID-19 Treatment

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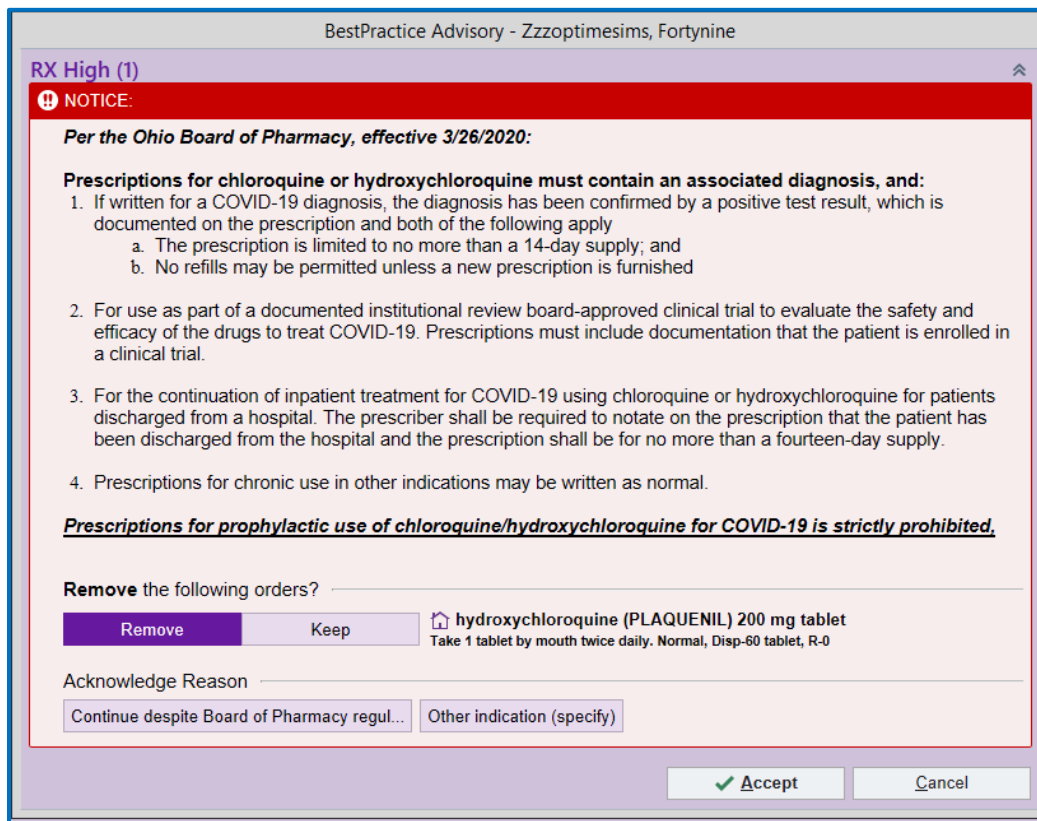
For the most up-to-date information, reference the [COVID-19 intranet site](#).

Starting March 27, in concordance with the national shortage and [Ohio Board of Pharmacy emergency rule 4729-5-30.2 of the Administrative Code](#), a BestPractice Alert (BPA) will display if providers prescribe chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to:

- a patient who has tested positive for COVID-19 or,
- a patient with a COVID-19 diagnosis and the prescription exceeds a 14-day supply or has refills

The alert reminds providers that prescriptions for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19, in addition to [requiring an associated diagnosis](#), may not exceed a 14-day supply; may not be refilled without a new prescription; and may only be used for patients meeting specific criteria.

Ohio BPA



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NOTICE:


Per the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, effective 3/26/2020:

Prescriptions for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine must contain an associated diagnosis, and:

1. 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
 - a. The prescription is limited to no more than a 14-day supply; and
 - b. No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished
2. For use as part of a documented institutional review board-approved clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the drugs to treat COVID-19. Prescriptions must include documentation that the patient is enrolled in a clinical trial.
3. For the continuation of inpatient treatment for COVID-19 using chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine for patients discharged from a hospital. The prescriber shall be required to notate on the prescription that the patient has been discharged from the hospital and the prescription shall be for no more than a fourteen-day supply.
4. Prescriptions for chronic use in other indications may be written as normal.

Prescriptions for prophylactic use of chloroquine/hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 is strictly prohibited.

Remove the following orders? Remove Keep

 hydroxychloroquine (PLAQUENIL) 200 mg tablet
Take 1 tablet by mouth twice daily. Normal, Disp-60 tablet, R-0

Acknowledge Reason

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RX High (1)

NOTICE:

Due to national drug shortage, effective 3/22/2020:


Prescriptions for chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine must contain an associated diagnosis, and:

1. 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
 - A. The prescription is limited to no more than a 14-day supply; and
 - B. No refills may be permitted unless a new prescription is furnished.

Prescriptions for prophylactic use of chloroquine/hydroxychloroquine for suspected but not confirmed COVID-19 is strictly prohibited.

2. Prescriptions for chronic use in other indications may be written as normal.

Remove the following orders? _____

 hydroxychloroquine (PLAQUENIL) 200 mg tablet
Take 1 tablet by mouth twice daily. Normal, Disp-60 tablet, R-0

Acknowledge Reason _____

Questions?

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the [physician specialist](#) / [COA](#) for your area or contact the Help Desk for your location:

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- Akron PPG: call 4EPIC (4-3742)
- Florida: call 5-5555, option 1
- Main Campus and all other regions: call 216.444.HELP