

Title: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Policy No. I.D.11  
Dispensing Limitations for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine

Approved: 03-25-2020  
Terminated: 11-18-2020

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1. During their March 25 meeting, the Board reviewed its March 22 *Emergency Rule ~ Limitation on Dispensing Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19* as well as the March 23 decision to rescind that rule.
  2. The Board took note of continuing concerns about the available inventory of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine and voted to issue a guidance document on the topic. The members directed staff to recommend that dispensing pharmacists in community pharmacies consider the following recommendations for at least the next 30-60 days:
    - A. With respect to the dispensing of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for the COVID-19 outbreak, the Board strongly encourages dispensing pharmacists in community pharmacies to ensure the prescription bears a COVID-19 diagnosis, and to dispense a maximum of a 14-day supply, with no refills unless a new prescription is presented.
    - B. With respect to the dispensing of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for all other diagnoses, the Board strongly encourages dispensing pharmacists in community pharmacies to dispense a maximum of a 30-day supply per dispensing.
    - C. The Board specifically encourages pharmacists to exercise their professional discretion when presented prescriptions written for large quantities, or for what appears to be outside the context of a legitimate physician-patient relationship, or for what may not be a legitimate medical purpose.
  3. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members voted to terminate this interim policy.