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PALMER BUYS 32,900,000 DOSES OF HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE FOR AUSTRALIANS

True to his word, Clive Palmer's Palmer Foundation has bought over 32,900,000 doses of hydroxychloroquine. Millions of doses of the drug have already arrived in Australia. The Palmer Foundation has already paid for the drug in the form of tablets and bulk pharmaceuticals. The Palmer Foundation has donated the drug to the Australian Government to be placed on the National Medical Stockpile so it may be made available free to all Australians. In the United States of America, President Trump has confirmed the country had 29,000,000 doses of the drug on its national medical stockpile to be available to 330 million Americans.

On the 2 April 2020, Australia's Minister for Health, Greg Hunt announced hydroxychloroquine would be made available if doctors wish to use it to treat COVID-19 patients who are in Australian hospitals. Since that time, Australia's death rate from COVID-19 has been the lowest in the world and the curve has flattened. Mr Hunt also congratulated Mr Palmer for the steps he was then taking to acquire hydroxychloroquine internationally, paying for the effort with his own money. On 2 April 2020, Caroline Edwards, Acting Secretary for the Department of Health, as a delegate of the Minister for Health, established the Therapeutic Goods (Medicines - Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine) (COVID-19 Emergency) Exemption 2020. The exemption allowed the Palmer Foundation to make the acquisitions for the sole purpose of donating all drugs acquired for the free use of the Australian people.

"The Australian government has done a great job in protecting and defending the Australian people in this time of national crisis. In particular, the Prime Minister has showed the calm leadership necessary to guide the nation in troubled times," Mr Palmer said. "The Health Minister Greg Hunt had shown exceptional courage and dedication in filling his role and his performance as health minister was just what any doctor would have ordered."

Mr Palmer said that he believed that hydroxychloroquine was the best hope for those suffering COVID-19. He said that while all Australians had played a critical role in containing the virus, they had to remain vigilant that a second wave did not destroy the economic fabric of the nation and Australian lives. "The tablets we have acquired have a shelf life of three years and the bulk materials longer," Mr Palmer said. "A vaccine may take many years to develop and Australia has to be ready to provide the best treatment for its citizens should the worst occur. The small contribution that I have made will assist Australia in getting back on its feet sooner."

"The challenge now facing all Australians is to save our country's economy and restore employment and prosperity to all. "I am happy that the quick action we took in early March to secure hydroxychloroquine for Australia has been successful. It is important that Australians that have been using the drug to treat malaria, lupus and autoimmune diseases over the last 40 years will not have any difficulty in acquiring the drug."

Mr Palmer said it was critical that the drug remained available in hospitals for those who needed it to treat COVID-19 and was available to the Australian community when required. "If we had not moved in early March when we did, we would have lost our opportunity," he said.

"At this time of national crisis in our country, all Australians must do whatever they can to help their fellow Australians."

"I want all Australians who have done well in this country to remember their fellow Australians and the sacrifices that have been made by previous generations and dig deep to support all efforts necessary to defeat this threat to our lives and our livelihood," Mr Palmer said.

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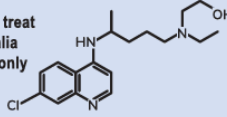
The Palmer Foundation

The malaria drug hydroxychloroquine* is showing enormous promise in the treatment of COVID-19. That's why The Palmer Foundation is making resources available to fund clinical trials, scale up the availability of hydroxychloroquine as soon as we can, and have enough of the drug available for all Australians, free of charge.

COVID-19 Response and Action

* What is hydroxychloroquine?

Hydroxychloroquine is a drug that was originally developed to treat malaria. It was synthesized in 1946, approved for use in Australia for over 40 years and approved by the FDA in 1955. It is commonly used to treat lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and malaria. It is on the World Health Organisation's List of Essential Medicines.



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While this list is by no means exhaustive, it is indicative of the progress being made.

South Korean government guidelines recommended Kaletra, an anti-retroviral HIV medication, chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine, could be used as an alternative.

13 Feb 2020

15 Feb 2020

French scientists propose 'Chloroquine for the 2019 novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2' in the International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents

The journal 'Clinical Infectious Diseases' published an initial Chinese study report with the conclusion that 'hydroxychloroquine was found to be more potent than chloroquine to inhibit SARS-CoV-2 in vitro'.

9 Mar 2020

12 Mar 2020

Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the use of hydroxychloroquine in combination with an anti-HIV medication, and urged medical staff to use their best judgment when treating patients.

WHO declares pandemic status in response to COVID-19.

12 Mar 2020

14 Mar 2020

The UK Department of Health and Social Care added hydroxychloroquine to the list of medicines that cannot be parallel exported, in order to ensure the continuity of supply to patients in the UK.

Professor David Paterson, Director, UQ Centre for Clinical Research puts out a call to action to secure \$750,000 funding for The RBWH Foundation clinical drug trials via their Coronavirus Action Fund.

16 Mar 2020

17 Mar 2020

The Palmer Foundation donates \$1 million to the RBWH Foundation Coronavirus Action Fund.

French research team Gautret et al publish 'Hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin as a treatment of COVID-19: results of an open-label non-randomised clinical trial in International Journal of Antimicrobial Agents. They reported significant clinical improvement & potential effectiveness in the early impairment of contagiousness.

17 Mar 2020

22 Mar 2020

A Chinese study concluded: Despite our small number of cases, the potential of HCQ in the treatment of COVID-19 has been partially confirmed. Considering that there is no better option at present, it is a promising practice to apply HCQ to COVID-19 under reasonable management. However, large-scale clinical and basic research is still needed to clarify its specific mechanism and to continuously optimize the treatment plan.

Shortages of hydroxychloroquine are reported in the US, UK, Thailand and France. India bans the export of the drug to safeguard the health of its health workers, who take the drug as a preventative measure.

22 Mar 2020

23 Mar 2020

Jordan's FDA authorises COVID-19 treatment with hydroxychloroquine as part of a treatment protocol under doctors' supervision.

The Palmer Foundation commits to fund the purchase of one million courses of hydroxychloroquine (30 million doses and supply free for Australians).

23 Mar 2020

27 Mar 2020

Sermo, a leading healthcare data collection company launched its COVID-19 Real Time Barometer to measure physician insights and experiences with COVID-19 treatment across the globe. In 3 days, over 6200 physicians were surveyed across 30 countries. Hydroxychloroquine was overall chosen as the most effective therapy amongst COVID-19 treaters from a list of 15 options.

The FDA in the U.S. issued an emergency use authorisation (EUA) for the use of hydroxychloroquine in the treatment of COVID-19.

28 Mar 2020

30 Mar 2020


















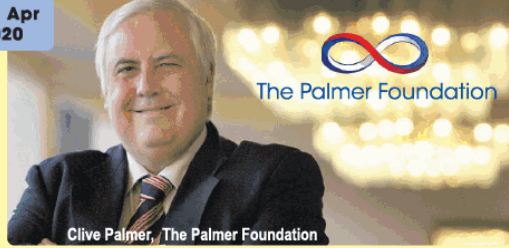
National Community Pharmacists Association in the U.S. support the dispensation of hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 patients under medical care.

Australia's Minister for Health, Greg Hunt announced hydroxychloroquine made available if doctors wish to use them with COVID-19 patients who are in hospital.

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 <p>6 Apr 2020</p> <p>The American Thoracic Society backs the use of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.</p>	<p>6 Apr 2020</p> <p>The American Thoracic Society backs the use of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.</p>
<p>12 French doctors file a petition calling on French Prime Minister and Minister of Health to urgently make hydroxychloroquine available in all French hospital pharmacies.</p>	 <p>7 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>8 Apr 2020</p>	<p>Providing a treatment of hydroxychloroquine sulfate, zinc and azithromycin early in the disease, Dr. Vladimir Zelenko has treated over 900 COVID-19 patients with a 99.99% success rate. His approach is to treat patients early so that they don't have to be put on ventilators.</p>
<p>Turkey has made significant progress in treating coronavirus patients in the early stages of the disease with hydroxychloroquine, Turkish officials have said.</p>	 <p>8 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>8 Apr 2020</p>	<p>Sermo's second wave of global data collection from its COVID-19 Real Time Barometer reveals Hydroxychloroquine to be in the top two frontline treatments and its usage increased by a global average of 11% week over week.</p>
<p>A clinical trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of adults hospitalized with COVID-19 has begun, with the first participants now enrolled in Tennessee, USA.</p>	 <p>9 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>9 Apr 2020</p>	<p>Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi for rushing a five-tonne cargo of medicines, including hydroxychloroquine, to Israel.</p>
<p>Professor Raoult, France, unveils a follow-up study of 1061 people, estimating a 91% effectiveness of his treatment, including hydroxychloroquine, of COVID-19 patients.</p>	 <p>9 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>10 Apr 2020</p>	<p>Sen. Ron Johnson, Wisconsin representative, sent U.S. President Trump a letter from more than 750 physicians urging him to expand the use of hydroxychloroquine for coronavirus outpatients by removing federal and state restrictions limiting the drug's use to hospitals.</p>
<p>The United Arab Emirates has been using chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine to successfully treat COVID-19 patients amid the coronavirus outbreak, announced at their health ministry press conference.</p>	 <p>12 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>14 Apr 2020</p>	<p>The Federal Emergency Management Agency (USA), advises they have sent out 19.1 million tablets of hydroxychloroquine from the Strategic National Stockpile; the malaria drug that some doctors have prescribed to Covid-19 patients.</p>
<p>South Dakota, USA, announces a state-wide clinical trial to treat COVID-19 patients with hydroxychloroquine. Sanford Health will run the systemwide, randomized, placebo-controlled study and will initially include 2,000 outpatients who have been exposed to COVID-19, including health care workers and high-risk patients.</p>	 <p>14 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>15 Apr 2020</p>	<p>Sermo's third weekly wave of global data collection from its COVID-19 Real Time Barometer reveals of over 4000 physicians surveyed globally, 50% had prescribed hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 patients, and Italy and France had the highest increase in COVID treaters having prescribed hydroxychloroquine wave over wave; an increase from 50% to 83% for Italy and an increase from 20% to 50% for France.</p>
<p>India has agreed to sell hydroxychloroquine tablets to Malaysia for use in the treatment of COVID-19 patients, with New Delhi partially lifting its bar on exports of the anti-malarial drug.</p>	 <p>16 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>16 Apr 2020</p>	<p>A multi-site clinical trial, led by the University of Washington Department of Global Health/International Clinical Research Center (ICRC) collaborating with NYUGrossman School of Medicine, aims to definitively determine whether hydroxychloroquine can prevent transmission in people exposed to the virus SARS-CoV-2.</p>
<p>The Russian government has authorised hospitals to treat coronavirus patients with the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine.</p>	 <p>16 Apr 2020</p>
 <p>19 Apr 2020</p>	<p>India sends shipment of 5.5 million pills of hydroxychloroquine to the UAE.</p>
<p>The Palmer Foundation has acquired 32.9 million doses of hydroxychloroquine for treating Australians, free of charge.</p> <p>Part of this is a significant quantity of the active pharmaceutical ingredient, which will enable the manufacture of the tablets right here in Australia.</p>	<p>21 Apr 2020</p>  <p>Clive Palmer, The Palmer Foundation</p>

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