



## POISONS AND THERAPEUTIC GOODS REGULATION 2008

### ORDER

Authorisation to prescribe and supply hydroxychloroquine

I, Bruce Battye, Acting Chief Pharmacist, a duly appointed delegate of the Secretary, NSW Health, make this instrument pursuant to clause 170 of the *Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008* (NSW) [the Regulation] for the purposes of clause 37(2) and 52(2) of the Regulation. Pursuant to clause 171(1) of the Regulation, the authorisation is granted subject to conditions.

BRUCE BATTYE  
Acting Chief Pharmacist  
(Delegation Number PH380 & PH381)  
Date: 23 March 2023

### Authorisation of a class of persons to prescribe and supply hydroxychloroquine

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#### 1 Authorisation

This order authorises the following classes of persons to prescribe hydroxychloroquine:

Authorised Classes of Persons
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of dermatology
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of intensive care medicine
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of paediatrics and child health
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of emergency medicine
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of physician
A registered medical practitioner practising in general practice
A dentist registered in the specialty of oral medicine

## 2 Conditions

- a. The authorised person may only prescribe and supply hydroxychloroquine for the corresponding purpose, and subject to further conditions at clauses 2(b), (c), (d), and (e):

Authorised classes of persons	Purpose
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of dermatology	In the practice of dermatology
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of intensive care medicine	In the practice of intensive care medicine
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of paediatrics and child health	In the practice of paediatrics and child health
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of physician	In the practice of a specialist physician
A medical practitioner registered in the specialty of emergency medicine	In the practice emergency medicine
A registered medical practitioner practising in general practice	For the purpose of continuing hydroxychloroquine treatment initiated by a medical practitioner registered in the specialty of dermatology; intensive care medicine; paediatrics and child health; emergency medicine; or in the field of specialty practice of a physician.
A registered medical practitioner practising in a public hospital	To treat patients of the hospital
A dentist registered in the specialty of oral medicine	In the practice of dentistry when prescribing or supplying hydroxychloroquine as a steroid-sparing immunosuppressive agent for the treatment of recalcitrant erosive and ulcerative oral lichen planus.

- b. A registered medical practitioner practising in general practice may issue a prescription for hydroxychloroquine, but not supply hydroxychloroquine.
- c. A registered medical practitioner practising in general practice may not initiate treatment with hydroxychloroquine.
- d. A registered medical practitioner practising in general practice may only issue prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine as directed by a medical practitioner registered in the specialty of dermatology; intensive care medicine; paediatrics and child health; emergency medicine; or in the field of specialty practice of a physician.

- e. An authorised person may not prescribe or supply hydroxychloroquine for self-administration.

### **3 Revocation of existing Order**

The order to authorise the prescribing and supply of hydroxychloroquine issued by the Chief Pharmacist dated 30 March 2021 is cancelled.

### **4 Validity**

This order commences on the day it is signed and dated, and expires on 31 March 2025, or otherwise on a date that this order is cancelled.