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Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981

RESTRICTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OR USE OF THE POISON OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE

Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 55(2) of the **Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981** restricts the sale or supply or use of the poison or controlled substance Hydroxychloroquine in Victoria, in accordance with terms and conditions attached in the Schedule to this Order, for a period of twelve weeks. This Order comes into effect on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated 28 April 2020

Responsible Minister:
HON JENNY MIKAKOS
Minister for Health

CLAIRE CHISHOLM
Clerk of the Executive Council

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SCHEDULE TO THE ORDER IN COUNCIL

Products containing HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE are registered on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis; mild systemic and discoid lupus erythematosus; the suppression and treatment of malaria.

The sale or supply or use of HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE, including the writing of a prescription by a health practitioner authorised under the **Drugs, Poisons, and Controlled Substances Act 1981**, is restricted to the circumstances listed below:

1. Registered medical practitioners

- a) Initiation of treatment by sale, supply or use of HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE is restricted to a specialist in the following medical specialties recognised by the Medical Board of Australia: dermatology; intensive care medicine; paediatrics and child health; physician; and emergency medicine.
- b) General practitioners and other registered medical practitioners can prescribe HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE for continued treatment of patients where treatment was previously initiated by a specialist listed in (a)
- c) General practitioners and other registered medical practitioners can continue to prescribe HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE to patients to treat for a registered indication where HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE was prescribed prior to the date of effect of the Order.
- d) A registered medical practitioner means a person registered under the **Health Practitioner Regulation National Law** to practise in the medical profession (other than as a student).
- e) 'Initiation of treatment' means for the registered medical practitioner to sell or supply or use, including issuing a prescription to, a person under their care and for whom the practitioner has taken all reasonable steps to ensure a therapeutic need exists for that treatment.

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2. Dentists

- f) Treatment with HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE is restricted to a dentist in the recognised specialty of oral medicine.
 - g) A dentist means a person registered under the **Health Practitioner Regulation National Law** – (a) to practise in the dental profession (other than as a student); and (b) in the dentist’s division of that profession.
 - h) ‘Treatment’ means for the dentist to sell or supply or use, including issuing a prescription, for dental treatment to a person under their care and for whom the dentist has taken all reasonable steps to ensure a therapeutic need exists for that treatment.
3. The Order applies to registered medical practitioners and dentists who initiate treatment or treat, as the case requires, with HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE in Victoria.
 4. The terms and conditions of the Order do not preclude the conduct of clinical trials conducted in Victoria for HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee that are included on the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry.
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