



CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF ILI/COVID WORKING GROUP OF WESTERN NEW YORK November 16, 2020

The Working Group recommends AGAINST using hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine for the prophylaxis or treatment of COVID-19 in either the inpatient or outpatient setting.

At the time of this writing, there is poor-quality and insufficient evidence in the literature to support the use of hydroxychloroquine to prevent or treat COVID-19 in either the inpatient or the outpatient setting. At the same time, there is a risk of harm. On June 15, 2020, the FDA revoked its emergency use authorization for these medications due to potential for harms and lack of evidence of benefit.

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