

## Prescriptions on COVID-19 Treatment

### Avera's Recommendation for Prescriptions on COVID-19 Treatment

- There have been reports of several medicines that may show promise in the treatment or prevention of COVID-19. However, **no clear evidence exists at this point** (*as of March 20*).
  - The CDC and other guidelines recommend against their routine use. Exceptions do exist in the setting of very sick hospitalized patients.
  - In order to preserve these drugs for their approved indication and in accordance with current guidelines:
    - **Avera's policy is to not prescribe or fill outpatient prescriptions for these drugs for prevention/prophylaxis or treatment of COVID 19.**
  - Medications include: **Azithromycin** (an antibiotic), **Lopinavir / Ritonavir (Kaletra)** (used for HIV treatment) and **hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil)** (used for malaria and autoimmune disease treatment).
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