



## Chloroquine 250 mg tablets

**The Issue:** Chloroquine 250 mg tablets will expire December 31, 2019 with no alternative supply expected from the single source vendor until 2022.

**Anticipated Availability:** Resupply date of March 2022.

**Clinical Use:** Prophylaxis and treatment of chloroquine-sensitive malaria.

**Practice Implications:** Clinicians should be aware of restrictions and utilize alternative products as clinically indicated. Alternatives are dependent upon several clinical factors (e.g. prophylaxis, treatment, travel history, strain sensitivity, age, pregnancy) and an Infectious Disease consultation is recommended.

**Potential Alternatives\*:**

- hydroxychloroquine
- doxycycline
- primaquine
- atovaquone + proguanil (Malarone®)
- mefloquine
- Combo: quinine + doxycycline or tetracycline or clindamycin

<b>December 20, 2019</b> For the information of physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. <b>PLEASE POST</b>	<b>Drug Shortage</b>	✓	<b>For further information contact:</b>  Jessica Brecknock or Ryan Doerksen Medication Use Management Pharmacists <a href="mailto:mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca" style="color: white;">mumpharmacist@northernhealth.ca</a>
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	Medication Change		
	Best Practice		

\*Alternatives are provided for clinician information and may not be appropriate for all clinical situations. The information provided does not replace clinical judgment.