

Plaquanil (Hydroxychloroquine)

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Plaquanil is a medication used to treat various inflammatory conditions. This medication does not work quickly but rather takes weeks or even months to appreciate its full benefit.

How to take: Take as directed with food to minimize GI side effects.

Adverse Reactions: Any medication can cause problems. If you experience unusual symptoms including the following – please call the doctor:

- *Vision change (difficulty reading, blurring, sensitivity to light)
- *Headache, Dizziness
- *Nausea, abdominal pain
- *Chronic diarrhea
- *Loss of appetite, weight loss
- *Skin rash or allergic reaction
- *Ringing in the ears
- *Mood or mental changes
- *Irregular heart beat

Monitoring:

- *You must get regular eye exams if we keep you on this medication for greater than 6 months
- *You will have to check lab-work occasionally.

NOTE: This is not a comprehensive information sheet. If you desire complete drug information, contact the pharmacist or refer to the “package insert”.