

# How false hope spread about hydroxychloroquine to treat covid-19 — and the consequences that followed | The Washington Post

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The world is looking for answers in the search for a treatment for [covid-19](#), the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, [which has claimed more than 100,000 lives across the globe](#). President Trump has [repeatedly](#) touted the anti-malarial medications hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine as that much-needed solution.

Even before Trump started talking about the drugs, studies abroad sparked interest in them as a potential cure. News about the drugs spread quickly online, percolated to the media and the White House.

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