

IS IT CRIMINAL TO SEEK EFFECTIVE COVID-19 TREATMENT IN ITS EARLY STAGE?

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On Wednesday February 24th, 2021, Mark Worosz of the University of Michigan Office of Public Safety contacted me concerning my unsuccessful attempt through my health provider the University of Michigan Health System (UMHS) to raise the issue of getting a prescription to the Zelenko Protocol on a preventative outpatient basis should I come down with Covid-19 at the age of 81 which puts me in the at-risk category for hospitalization and possible premature death.

During our phone conversation Worosz told me that if I were to continue my effort, he would have to consider a possible criminal complaint or referral to the local District Attorney. I regard that as outrageous for several reasons, the most important being that back in the late 1970's when I suffered from a chronic ear problem the only way, I was able to solve it was to be persistent in raising issues with my then health care providers.

Given that that turned out successfully, it taught me that getting a good health care outcome required being proactive with my health care systems, which I tried to apply in the Covid-19 situation when I learned about the Zelenko Protocol and its efficacy in the early stage of Covid-19 symptoms.

Since my first attempts to raise this issue with my primary care physician or his nurse by phone were not answered, I contacted the person who I understood was responsible for the Internal Medicine Department where I receive my care. On November 17, 2020, I wrote in my email to him the following:

"Just now I called your office because I have been unable to follow up despite numerous efforts to contact my primary care physician or his nurse about my concerns of being able to have access to the Zelenko Protocol in the event of Covid-19 symptoms at the early stage. I don't know the U of M's Hospital position on this, but I would like to bring the following to your attention with a request to share it with [my primary care physician]."

That did get a response from a nurse who informed me that the hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) component of the Zelenko Protocol does nothing to help and runs a risk of heart problems. That response shocked me as it clearly contradicted the considerable information that I had gotten through Kathy Dopp who had undertaken considerable research on Covid-19 issues.

That was followed by an email from my primary care physician with a link to "two of the most recent articles regarding HCQ." In reply on November 18, 2020 I made the following points in an email:

"I took a brief look at the above [links to the articles] and quite frankly was appalled to say the least. My understanding is that Covid-19 has two stages, one mild symptom followed by an extreme situation... It is the first stage where advocates of the Zelenko Protocol maintain it is effective in avoiding hospitalization and possible death. Neither of the above studies as far as I can see dealt with that. Second the Zelenko Protocol involves the use of zinc which from what I can see, neither study looked at... I am also concerned that the University Hospital in terms of outpatient care at the start [of Covid-19] is ignoring that and putting people at risk."

Following that on the same day (November 18, 2020) I sent an additional email to the person who I understood to be the Head of Internal Medicine in which I stated the following:

"I have studied a total of three semesters in Russia and have been in the country a total of 14 times. And our Russia With Love Project has had considerable involvement in the medical area there. While I know that Russia medical care has made very substantial progress since the Soviet era, its level is nowhere near ours. But according to information I have seen they do use HCQ in treating Covid-19 in Russia. And according to data I have our death rates from Covid-19 is nearly five times theirs! I don't see how that is nothing short of terribly scandalous."

"Apparently access to the Zelenko Protocol is at best limited here in Michigan which is clearly prematurely killing people... My question to you: Are you in a situation given your position to do something about HCQ at the University Hospital and in the wider state and would it be possible to discuss this with you?"

On November 22, 2020, in response to an article in the New York Times, I sent the following text in an email to the office of the President of the University of Michigan:

"After reading the piece in today's New York Times, I would greatly appreciate if this and the following email to [the Head of Internal Medicine] which I have copied (CC'd) President Schlissel, could be brought to his attention."

To which I received a proforma acknowledgement.

But since I was not getting any real response to my inquiries on Sunday December 27, 2020, I sent an email to the person who I understood heads the Division of Infectious Disease in Internal Medicine at the UMHS. In my email I stated:

"Although at 81 I am quite healthy, I have been unable to get in General Medicine at the University of Michigan Hospital a preventative prescription for the Zelenko Protocol for outpatient treatment should I start having Covid-19. It is my understanding that that may in part be due to the position of your department. Why cannot the Division of Infectious Diseases in Internal Medicine at the University Hospital approve the use of the Zelenko Protocol in early stages of Covid-19 give the considerable evidence of its efficacy?"

In the email I attached three links to pieces substantiating my efficacy point. Since I received no response to my December 27, 2020 email, I sent an email on January 6, 2021, to the new head (President) of the UMHS with a copy of the text of the December 27, 2020, email. In my introduction I stated:

"Can you help me on this? I am getting no response and have been unable to turn up a workable alternative in Ann Arbor although Walgreens tells me that they would fulfill a prescription for the Zelenko Protocol."

Again, I got no response, but I learned about the Office of Patient Relations at UMHS and in a January 20, 2021, email wrote a person there the following:

"Why can't my Primary Health Physician in Internal Medicine at the University of Michigan give me a prescription for HCQ+, the Zelenko Protocol, in the event at age 81 I start coming down with Covid-19 symptoms as an outpatient preventative for avoiding hospitalization and possible premature death? What about others?"

In response to that email, I was sent on January 22, 2021, a letter which contained the following statements:

"I shared your concerns with senior leadership...to whom you also sent an email. Our infectious Disease Antimicrobial Stewardship Program reviewed and does not recommend the Zelenko Protocol based on national guidelines from [NIH and IDSA]. These institutions do not recommend components of the Zelenko Protocol (azithromycin hydroxychloroquine) based on the evaluation of control trial data showing no benefit and risk of toxicity."

In response I sent a letter on January 25, 2021, from which the following excerpts are taken:

"I am in no way satisfied with the reply of UMHS on two grounds: 1) The lack of availability of such a prescription that I have encountered in other clinical organizations in Ann Arbor and 2) The bogus claims that its reply makes about no benefits and risk of toxicity that I have encountered at the outset... To repeat, it is clear from data we have that the following Zelenko Protocol:

- ***Hydroxychloroquine 200mg twice a day for 5 days***
- ***Zinc sulfate 220mg once a day for 5 days***
- ***Azithromycin 500mg once a day for 5 days is a quite effective and safe cure in the early stages of Covid-19.***

But because of politics and medical incompetence has clearly been denigrated... As an economist I find the moral hazard of experimental vaccines produced by pharmaceutical firms given legal immunity deeply troubling."

"As a healthy 81-year-old it is important for me to keep my health by having access to an effective cure and to avoid any possible adverse side effects of experimental vaccines that have not yet been thoroughly vetted as is usually the case. Keeping my health will allow me to continue my endeavors to work with an adopted foster son with fetal alcohol exposure who was adopted at four and a half from Russia and ten years later dis-adopted, to continue working on the issue of voting system reform to open up our political system to third parties and to continue to be engaged in our Russia With Love project. In the latter case we have a good supporter in a similar situation to mine whom we cannot afford to lose prematurely."

THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE I GOT FROM MY LETTER WAS A THREAT OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FROM A UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL SHOULD I CONTINUE MY EFFORTS ON THIS WITH UMHS. ASIDE FROM MY SPECIFIC SITUATION ON THIS MATTER, THERE ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES HERE ABOUT WHICH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SORELY NEEDS TO BE INFORMED.

After President Trump, in response to a letter from Dr. Vladimir Zelenko about the efficacy of hydroxychloroquine in his medical protocol, mentioned the drug In March 2020, Governor Cuomo issued an executive order banning its use in early outpatient treatment of Covid-19. That was followed by other public and medical officials mandating and supporting similar restrictions. Given what is now know about the efficacy of the Zelenko Protocol in early treatment of Covid-19 cases, it is clear, as Professor (Dr.) Harvey Risch of Yale has stated, that those restrictions are responsible for tens of thousands of unnecessary premature Covid-19 deaths. As I know from my own experience the ban is still in effect for someone like myself who is at risk if infected by Covid-19 because of advanced age. **Our media could do a great public service by studying and reporting on this issue.**

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EXPLANATORY APPENDIX

1) An article by CrownHeights info on research into the Zelenko Protocol:

It took months of denials, an endorsement from President Trump, and many misrepresented studies, but a case study of Dr. Zelenko's protocol has finally been published, and it shows he was right.

Published on www.ScienceDirect.com, the peer-reviewed study was the first to look at early, out of hospital treatment of COVID-19 with Zelenko's protocol of Hydroxychloroquine, Zinc and Azithromycin.

While other studies looked at the effects of Hydroxychloroquine alone, or treatment during the later stages of the COVID-19 infection, this is the first look at Zelenko's entire protocol. Including dosages and timetables.

The case study of 141 patients treated within four days of the onset of symptoms was done, using independent public reference data from 377 other confirmed COVID-19 patients of the same community who remained untreated as a "control" or reference.

Of the 141 treated patients, only four were hospitalized vs. 58 of the 377 who went untreated.

Of those treated, only one person died, while thirteen died in the untreated group.

The study concluded that *"Risk stratification-based treatment of COVID-19 outpatients as early as possible after symptom onset with the used triple therapy, including the combination of zinc with low dose hydroxychloroquine, was associated with significantly fewer hospitalizations."*

The study also noted that there were no cardiac side effects noted from the treatment.

Link to the entire article above:

<https://crownheights.info/jewish-news/717053/zelenko-was-right-first-case-study-shows-zelenko-protocol-works/>

Link to the complete study:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0924857920304258>

2) Link to the Economic Standard Report on HCQ

Summary link:

<https://theeconomicstandard.com/hcgwhitepaper/>

The complete article.

<https://secureservercdn.net/72.167.242.48/u22.f6f.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/TES-HCQ-Report-Update-Oct-13.pdf>

3) Links to the interviews by Barry Shaw in Israel:

With Dr. Zelenko and Professor Risch of Yale

https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?ei=UTF-8&hsimp=yhs-att_001&hspart=att&p=video+barry+shaw%2C+harvey+risch+and+vladimir+zelenko#id=1&vid=69ce6f1fd2eb20b87ebc12f66f328e0f&action=click

With a Dutch Doctor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMMfER-E9Jk>

--Scroll to the beginning.

4) Link to a video discussion by Dr. Simone Gold:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MVnlUQKwYPUpKokB8EaVzJDQZJNi-Q8R/view>