

# Medication and COVID-19

Follow the rigorous evidence before ending/starting a treatment



## **NSAIDs/acetaminophen** - don't discontinue Why?

- > No evidence they're harmful
- > No appropriate alternatives

## **ACE Inhibitors** - show must go on

### Because:

- > There's no evidence to support the contrary
- > Switching to alternatives requires monitoring to adjust the dosing & time to establish optimal BP



## **Chloroquine** - think twice!

- > Clinical evidence for its efficacy to treat COVID-19 is limited
- > No basis for use in COVID-19 prevention
- > Arrhythmia is a potentially harmful side effect
- > Wait for RCTs- they are underway
- > Not for the public. Should be tailored for each individual patient
- > Not to be stocked up. There are patients who really need these for underlying conditions.