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A quick thread:

A lot of people have asked me this week: Where did this ivermectin obsession come from? Who could possibly benefit from it?

Most importantly, why did my antivaxx aunt start eating horse goo from the tractor store?

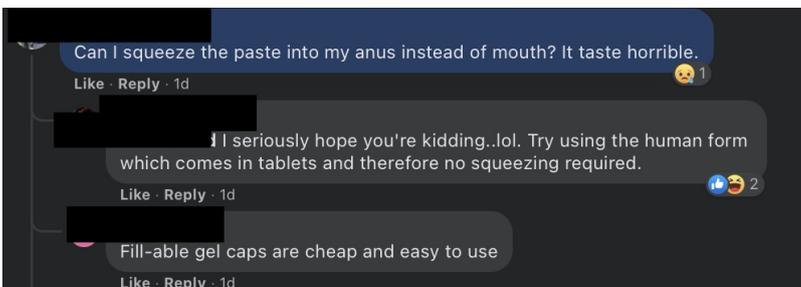
It's complicated, but here are some answers. <https://t.co/fJZBjejn0N>



First off, they really are eating horse dewormer. It tastes terrible. Some mix it into jam to eat it on toast.

Others have asked about... more drastic actions. After all, they think ivermectin horse gel will their life, and their doctor won't prescribe it.

How did we get here? <https://t.co/uQBChLN3Lb>



Let's flash back to last year.

Remember those pro-Trump doctors who had an extremely viral video that said hydroxychloroquine "cured" COVID-19?

Then-President Trump retweeted it. It had millions of views before it was pulled from Facebook.

That was America's Frontline Doctors. <https://t.co/LQcoeegqQh9>



If you know America's Frontline Doctors, it's probably because of Dr. Stella Immanuel.

She became famous because, before claiming hydroxychloroquine cures COVID, she said ovarian cysts came from sex with demons.

Trump called her "very impressive."

<https://t.co/4OpPnfERWD>

America's Frontline Doctors was founded by Simone Gold, who spent the last year barnstorming churches and schools, insisting COVID vaccines cannot be trusted.

She's become wildly influential with antivaxxers in the process. She has over 300k followers on this website.

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Over the last year, as HCQ failed to become the miracle cure America's Frontline Doctors claimed, antivaxxers became obsessed with COVID therapeutics. They're largely experimental cocktails from countries that didn't have—but wanted—vaccine access.

Some included Ivermectin.

Antivax groups on Facebook and Reddit wanted ivermectin. Doctors wouldn't prescribe it.

Members did whack-a-mole with telehealth providers, trying to get doctors to sign off on scripts.

But one reliably obliged: SpeakWithAnMD, who partners with... America's Frontline Doctors. <https://t.co/m2vfTH30Lc>



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SpeakWithAnMD offered \$90 COVID consultations with MDs from America's Frontline Doctors.

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We got a hold of the intake form for a SpeakWithAnMD doctor.

One part of the questionnaire asks: "What medication do you prefer?"

The user is then presented with three options: ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, or not sure. <https://t.co/8SkpWmRApB>

Which medication do you prefer?
Disclaimer: Even though you have indicated your preference, it is still up to your clinician's medical discretion based on your intake which medication will be best for you.

Ivermectin

Hydroxychloroquine

Not Sure

This got out of hand fast. SpeakWithAnMD now hits you with a prompt warning of long wait times due to "overwhelming demand."

Antivaxxers were worried about family members dying of COVID, and they were told ivermectin cured it.

They were getting really impatient.

This is how people started eating horse goo. <https://t.co/0hpoaoKXjM>



Antivaxxers started imploring each other to go to pet stores, claiming the horse and people ivermectin are the same. They started sharing tips on how to eat the gel kind. They started hoarding it.

They started to wonder if maybe, without medical supervision, they had OD'd on it. <https://t.co/ISXIF5ltXJ>



To evade what they believed to be incoming Facebook and Reddit bans, some ivermectin fans started to ask how much their "horse" weighs, so it didn't look like they were giving out medical advice. <https://t.co/2oPGDcL8uC>



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I identify as a horse and can report no ill effects from the directed dosage as recommended by professionals, taken on a weekly basis. I like mine with a side of strawberry jam. Worm free since '93! 🤔

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So that's how we ended up here.

Ivermectin fans on Facebook, complaining about wait times and high drug prices, got fed up with America's Frontline Doctors, who sold them conspiracy and the fake cure.

So they went to the feed store, to eat the horse goo, because it's cheaper.

There is one final plot twist.

America's Frontline Doctors founder Simone Gold was indicted and is awaiting trial... for her role in the Capitol Riot on January 6th.

Out on personal recognizance, she was on the speaker lineup for an antivaxx rally in LA on Saturday. <https://t.co/KDk7UltXm7>



Anyways, here's our truly bonkers story on America's Frontline Doctors and what's really going on in these private, 25,000-member ivermectin Facebook pages.

It was a lot of work. I hope you read it.

<https://t.co/4vdX8b5A6X>

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