

## Chloroquine

Essential medicine status

General description

Chloroquine is a medication used to prevent and to treat malaria in areas where malaria is known to be sensitive to its effects. It is also used as a disease-modifying agents in rheumatoid disorders.

INN

Chloroquine

ATC codes

[P01BA01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae](#)

Added in 1997 ([TRS 882](#)) for [Rheumatoid arthritis](#)

Removed in 2007 ([TRS 946](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#)

Removed in 2007 ([TRS 946](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#)

Removed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)

Removed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale](#)

Removed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae](#)

Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Antimalarial medicines > Medicines for curative treatment

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 40 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule (as hydrochloride, phosphate or sulfate)
- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL syrup (as phosphate or sulfate)
- Oral > Solid: 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate); 100 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)
- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL (base)
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 150 mg (base)

Indications

[Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#) [Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)

Section

Antimalarial medicines > Medicines for chemoprevention

- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL syrup (as phosphate or sulfate)
- Oral > Solid: 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)

Indications

[Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#) [Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum](#) [Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale](#) [Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae](#)

Section

Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs)

- Oral > Solid: 100 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate); 150 mg tablet (as phosphate or sulfate)

Indications

[Rheumatoid arthritis](#)

Section

Antimalarial medicines > Medicines for chemoprophylaxis in travellers

- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL (base)
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 150 mg (base)

Indications

[Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax](#)