Chloroquine

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 Changed in 1977 (TRS 615) for Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) for Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) for Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) for Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) for Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae Changed in 1997 (TRS 882) for Rheumatoid arthritis Removed in 2007 (TRS 946) for Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum Changed in 2007 (TRS 946) for Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Malaria due to Plasmodium malariae Added in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax
Wikipedia	Chloroquine
DrugBank	Chloroquine

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