Mefloquine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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EMLc | ATC codes: P01BC02

Indication	Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax ICD11 code: 1F41
INN	Mefloquine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	To be used in combination with artesunate 50 mg
Formulations	**Oral > Solid:** 250 mg tablet (hydrochloride)
EML status history	First added in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 1993 (TRS 850) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2007 (TRS 946) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2025 (TRS 1064)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Mefloquine
DrugBank	Mefloquine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - to delete the listing of single agent mefloquine from the EML and EMLc, noting that fixed dose combinations of artesunate + mefloquine are available and preferred for the curative treatment of malaria.

