

Chloroquine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN

ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: P01BA01

Indication	Malaria due to Plasmodium falciparum	ICD11 code: 1F40
INN	Chloroquine	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
List type	Core	
Formulations	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)	
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1982 (TRS 685) Changed in 1995 (TRS 867) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Removed in 2007 (TRS 946)	
Sex	All	
Age	Adolescents and adults	
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine	
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents. ↗	
Wikipedia	Chloroquine ↗	
DrugBank	Chloroquine ↗	

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Chloroquine was maintained on the core list, but for use only in the treatment of *P. vivax*, *P. ovale* and *P. malariae* infections.

