### Primaquine

**Indication**
Malaria due to *Plasmodium vivax*  
ICD11 code: **1F81**

**INN**
Primaquine

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Core

**Additional notes**
Only for use to achieve radical cure of *P. vivax* and *P. ovale* infections, to be administered for 14 days

**Formulations**
Oral > Solid: 7.5 mg tablet (as phosphate); 15 mg tablet (as phosphate)

**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 946)
- Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)

**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**
Primaquine

**DrugBank**
Primaquine

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Primaquine was added to the core list of the EMLc for the curative treatment of *P. vivax.*