### Primaquine

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

**INN**: Primaquine

**Medicine type**: Chemical agent

**List type**: Core (EML) (EMLc)

**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.

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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*.  

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