Primaquine

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EMLc ATC codes: P01BA03

Indication	Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax ICD11 code: 1F41
INN	Primaquine
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	For use to reduce the transmission of Plasmodium falciparum and for radical cure of Plasmodium vivax and Plasmodium ovale infections.
Formulations	**Oral > Solid > tablet:** 7.5 mg (as phosphate) ; 15 mg (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) Changed 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	Primaquine
DrugBank	Primaquine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - to update the footnote with the listing for primaquine to specify use only for reducing the transmission of Plasmodium falciparum and to achieve radical cure of Plasmodium vivax and Plasmodium ovale infections.