### Primaquine

**Indication**: Malaria due to Plasmodium ovale  
**ICD11 code**: 1F43

**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. ovale.