

## Doxycycline

### Dose

- Prophylaxis of malaria, started 1–2 days before entering endemic area and continued for 4 weeks after leaving (see notes above), **ADULT** and **CHILD** over 12 years, 100 mg once daily
- Treatment of falciparum malaria, see [Falciparum malaria \(treatment\) \(Infections\)](#)

#### ▶ Doxycycline (Non-proprietary) PoM

**Capsules**, doxycycline (as hyclate) 50 mg, net price 28-cap pack = £1.61; 100 mg, 8-cap pack = £1.07. Label: 6, 9, 11, 27, counselling, posture

**Brands include** *Doxylar*®

**Dental prescribing on NHS**  
Doxycycline Capsules 100 mg may be prescribed

## Malarone

**Tablets** ('standard'), pink, f/c, proguanil hydrochloride 100 mg, atovaquone 250 mg. Net price 12-tab pack = £25.21. Label: 21, counselling, prophylaxis, see above

**Dose** prophylaxis of malaria, started 1–2 days before entering endemic area and continued for 1 week after leaving, **ADULT** and **CHILD** over 40 kg, 1 tablet daily

Treatment of malaria, **ADULT** and **CHILD** body-weight over 40 kg, 4 tablets once daily for 3 days; **CHILD** body-weight 11–21 kg 1 tablet daily for 3 days; body-weight 21–31 kg 2 tablets once daily for 3 days; body-weight 31–40 kg 3 tablets once daily for 3 days

## Mefloquine

### Dose

- Prophylaxis of malaria, started 2–3 weeks before entering endemic area and continued for 4 weeks after leaving (see notes above), **ADULT** and **CHILD** body-weight over 45 kg, 250 mg once weekly; body-weight 5–16 kg, 62.5 mg once weekly; body-weight 16–25 kg, 125 mg once weekly; body-weight 25–45 kg, 187.5 mg once weekly
- Treatment of malaria, see notes above

#### Counselling

Inform travellers about adverse reactions of mefloquine and, if they occur, to seek medical advice on alternative antimalarials before the next dose is due (see also [Neuropsychiatric Reactions and Driving](#)). Also warn travellers about **importance** of avoiding mosquito bites, **importance** of taking prophylaxis regularly, and **importance** of immediate visit to doctor if ill within 1 year and **especially** within 3 months of return. For details, see notes above

#### Note

Mefloquine doses in BNF may differ from those in product literature

### Sub-sections

#### ► Lariam® (1) (Roche) PoM

**Tablets**, scored, mefloquine (as hydrochloride) 250 mg. **Net price** 8-tab pack = £14.53. Label: 10, 21, 27, alert card, counselling, driving, prophylaxis, see above

#### Note

Tablet may be crushed and mixed with food such as jam or honey just before administration

## Doxycycline

### Indications and dose

Prophylaxis of malaria preferably started 1–2 days before entering endemic area and continued for 4 weeks after leaving (see [Prophylaxis against malaria \(Infections\)](#))

- **By mouth**  
Child over 12 years 100 mg once daily

## Malarone

Paediatric tablets, pink, f/c proguanil hydrochloride 25 mg, atovaquone 62.5 mg, **net price** 12-tab pack = £6.26. Label: 21, counselling, prophylaxis, see above

### Dose

Prophylaxis of malaria started 1–2 days before entering endemic area and continued for 1 week after leaving

- By mouth
  - Child body-weight 5–8 kg ½ tablet once daily
  - Child body-weight 8–10 kg ¾ tablet once daily
  - Child body-weight 10–20 kg 1 tablet once daily
  - Child body-weight 20–30 kg 2 tablets once daily
  - Child body-weight 30–40 kg 3 tablets once daily
  - Child body-weight over 40 kg use *Malarone*® ('standard') tablets, see above

## Mefloquine

### ► *Lariam*® (1) (Roche) PoM

Tablets, scored, mefloquine (as hydrochloride) 250 mg. **Net price** 8-tab pack = £14.53. Label: 10, 21, 27, alert card, counselling, skilled tasks, prophylaxis, see above

Prophylaxis of malaria started 2–3 weeks before entering endemic area and continued for 4 weeks after leaving (see [Prophylaxis against malaria \(Infections\)](#))

- By mouth
    - Child body-weight 5–16 kg 62.5 mg once weekly
    - Child body-weight 16–25 kg 125 mg once weekly
    - Child body-weight 25–45 kg 187.5 mg once weekly
    - Child body-weight over 45 kg 250 mg once weekly
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