

SUMMARY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR MALARIA

Drug	Usage	Adult Dosage	Child Dosage
Mefloquine (Lariam®)	In areas where Chloroquine-resistant malaria has been reported.	228 mg base (250 mg salt), orally, once/week	< 15 kg: 4.6 mg/kg base (5 mg/kg salt) 15-19 kg: 1/4 tab/week 20-30 kg: 1/2 tab/week 31-45 kg: 3/4 tab/week > 45 kg: 1 tablet/week
Doxycycline	An alternative to Mefloquine	100 mg orally, once/day	> 8 years of age: 2 mg/kg, orally/day, maximum dose of 100 mg/day
Chloroquine (Aralen®)	In areas where Chloroquine-resistant malaria has been reported.	300 mg base (500 mg salt) orally, once/week	5 mg/kg base (8.3 mg/kg salt) orally, once/week, maximum dose of 300 mg base
Proguanil (Paludrine®) (Not available in the US)	Used simultaneously <u>with</u> Chloroquine as an alternative to Mefloquine or Doxycycline.	200 mg, orally, once/day, in combination with weekly chloroquine	< 2 years: 50 mg/day 2-6 years: 100 mg/day 7-10 years: 150 mg/day > 10 years: 200 mg/day
Primaquine	Traveler must be tested before use. Post-exposure prevention for "relapsing" malaria.	15 mg base (26.3 mg salt), orally, once/day for 14 days	0.3 mg/kg base (0.5 mg/kg salt), orally, once/day for 14 days