

Malarone Information and Consent
(Proguanil Hydrochloride with Atovaquone)

Malarone is prophylaxis for plasmodium falciparium malaria and treatment of acute uncomplicated plasmodium falciparium malaria.

It is especially recommended for treatment and prophylaxis of plasmodium falciparium malaria where pathogen may be resistant to other anti-malarials. It is used as an alternative to Mefloquine (Larium) and Doxycycline, but evidence of its efficacy is unknown. Particularly suitable for short trips to highly chloroquine resistant areas.

Possible Adverse Reactions

Abdominal pain and diarrhoea
Nausea/Vomiting
Coughing
Headaches/dizziness
Abnormal dreams/insomnia
Anorexia
Fever/rash/pruritus

Contra-indications

Renal impairment
Diarrhoea and Vomiting
Pregnancy and breast feeding
BNF interactions especially metoclopramide, tetracycline, rifampicin or rifabutin also magnesium trisilicate, warfarin, and other antimalarials (BNF appendix 1)

Administration

1 tablet taken daily with food or milky drink, begin 24-48 hours before entering malaria endemic area

Continue during period of residence which should not exceed 28 days, and **continue for 7 days after leaving the area.**

CONSENT

Ihave read and understood that Malarone has been prescribed for an intended travel to a "high risk" area, but as yet evidence of its **efficacy is unknown.**

I understand it is important to **take malarone regularly as prescribed with food or a milky drink.**

I understand that it is important that I **continue with regular effective mosquito bite protection.**

I am aware I must **seek medical advice if I become ill within 1 year and especially within 3 months of my return,** as malaria protection is not guaranteed.

Signature..... Printed Name.....

DOB.....Date.....Quantity Prescribed.....Nurse.....

Malarone is licensed for up to 28 days but can be used for up to 1 year (and possibly longer) with caution. Specialist advice should be sought for long-term prophylaxis.