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Not recommended
for treating
malaria in children
who weigh less
than 11

kgs.
For children who weigh less than
11 kgs talk to your doctor. There
may be a
different type of
Malarone available in your
country.

If you take too much Malarone
Contact a doctor or pharmacist fo
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advice. If possible show them the
Malarone
pack.

If you forget to
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It is very important that y
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ake
the full course of Malarone

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If you forget to
take
a dose,
don't worry. Just
tak
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your
next dose as
soon as
you remember. Then continue
your
treatment as before.

Don't take a double dose to make up for
a missed dose

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Don't stop Malarone without advice
Keep
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ng Malarone for
7 days after you return to a malaria

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free
area

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Tak
e the full course of
Malarone
for

maximum protection. Stopping early puts you at risk of getting malaria, as it takes 7 days to ensure that any parasites that may be in your blood following a bite from an infected mosquito are killed.

Do not take Malarone for longer than 37 days. If you are expecting to stay in an area with malaria for more than 28 days check with your doctor before travelling. Malarone may not be suitable for you.

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Possible

side effects

Like all medicines, Malarone can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Look out for the following severe

reactions. They have occurred in a small

number of people, but their exact

frequency is unknown.

Severe allergic reactions

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signs include:

rash and itching

sudden wheezing, tightness of the chest or throat, or difficulty breathing

swollen eyelids, face, lips, tongue or

other part of the body.

Contact a doctor immediately

if you get any of these

symptoms.

Stop taking Malarone

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Severe skin reactions

skin rash which may blister and looks like small targets (central dark spots, surrounded

by paler area with a dark ring around the edge) (erythema

multiforme)

severe widespread rash with blisters

and peeling skin, particularly occurring

around the mouth, nose, eyes and

genitals (Stevens

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Johnson syndrome

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If you notice any of these symptoms

contact a doctor urgently.

Most of the other side effects reported have been mild and have not lasted

very long.

Very common side effects

These may affect

more than 1 in

10 people:

headache

feeling sick and being sick (nausea

and

vomiting

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stomach pain

diarrhoea.

Common side effects

These may affect

up to 1 in 10 people:

dizziness

sleeping problems (insomnia)

strange dreams

depression

loss of appetite

fever

rash which may be itchy

cough.

Common side effects which may show up in

your blood tests are

:

reduced numbers of red blood cells (anaemia)

which can cause tiredness, headaches and shortness of breath

reduced numbers of white blood cells (neutropenia)

) which may make you more likely to catch infections

low levels of sodium in the blood
(hyponatraemia)

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an increase in liver enzyme

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