CHLOROQUINE PHOSPHATE (ARALEN) 
500MG TABLETS FOR MALARIA PROPHYLAXIS

CLASS: 4-AMINOQUINOLINE COMPOUND; AMEBICIDE

PHARMACOLOGY: INHIBITS PARASITE GROWTH, POSSIBLY BY CONCENTRATING WITHIN PARASITE ACID VESICLES, RAISING THE pH.

ABSORPTION: RAPIDLY ABSORBED FROM THE GI TRACT

ELIMINATION: SLOWLY EXCRETED, BUT INCREASED BY ACIDIC URINE. SMALL AMOUNT EXCRETED IN FECES.

INDICATION & USAGE: PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT OF ACUTE ATTACKS OF MALARIA CAUSED BY Plasmodium vivax, Plasmodium malariae, Plasmodium ovale, and susceptible strains of Plasmodium falciparum.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: STOP TAKING IF YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR VISION.

REPORT THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IMMEDIATELY: BLURRED VISION, VISUAL CHANGES; BUZZING OR RINGING IN THE EARS, DIFFICULTY HEARING; MUSCLE WEAKNESS, RASH, VOMITING OR STOMACH PAIN, DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR SWALLOWING.

POTENTIAL DRUG INTERACTIONS WITH CHLOROQUINE: TAGAMET (ANTACID); KAOLIN (ANTI-DIARRHEAL); & RABIES VACCINE

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS: LOW BLOOD PRESSURE; HEADACHE, SEIZURES, PSYCHOTIC EPISODES; NEUROPATHY, ITCHING, RASH, PIGMENT CHANGES, VISUAL DISTURBANCES, RETINAL DAMAGE DEAFNESS WITH PROLONGED USE; EAR RINGING, DECREASED APPETITE, NAUSEA, VOMITING, DIARRHEA ABDOMINAL CRAMPS, APLASTIC ANEMIA, AGRANULOCYTOSIS, HEPATITIS, MUSCLE WASTING.

HOW TO TAKE CHLOROQUINE

- TAKE ONE TABLET A WEEK AND ON THE SAME DAY OF THE WEEK i.e. EACH MONDAY OF THE WEEK
- START ONE – TWO WEEKS BEFORE TRAVEL
- CONTINUE WEEKLY DURING YOUR TRIP AND THEN FOR AT LEAST 4 WEEKS AFTER RETURNING
- TAKE WITH FOOD OR MILK
- AVOID ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITH THIS MEDICATION
- USE SUNGLASSES IN BRIGHT LIGHT TO REDUCE RISK OF EYE DAMAGE
- ARALEN MAY CAUSE BROWN OR RUSTY DISCOLORATION OF URINE