



Patient Alert Card

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250 mg
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Keep this card with you at all times during treatment – it tells you about some important side effects and what to do if they occur

Tell any health professional you talk to that you are taking Lariam and show them this card

Lariam may cause other side effects. Read the Patient Information Leaflet in the pack as it gives more information about Lariam and all the side-effects to look out for

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DO NOT TAKE Lariam if you have, or have ever had:

- depression, thoughts about suicide
- other mental problems, including anxiety disorder, schizophrenia or psychosis (losing touch with reality)
- fits (seizures or convulsions)
- an allergy to quinine, quinidine, Lariam or any of its ingredients
- severe liver problems
- blackwater fever (a complication of malaria that affects the blood and kidneys)
- OR if you are currently taking a medicine called halofantrine

Lariam may cause SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS in some people. STOP TAKING LARIAM if you:

- feel like harming yourself or committing suicide
- feel depressed
- feel very anxious, restless or confused
- feel like you don't trust other people around you (paranoia)
- are seeing or hearing things that are not there (hallucinations)
- have nightmares or abnormal dreams
- have trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- feel your behaviour is unusual

The symptoms listed above could indicate the start of a serious and/or persistent neuropsychiatric side effect. If these symptoms or other changes to your mental state occur during treatment you should **STOP TAKING LARIAM** and speak to a doctor, pharmacist or nurse **RIGHT AWAY**. Lariam should be replaced with another medicine to prevent malaria

Side effects may occur and persist up to several months or more after discontinuation of Lariam

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store or to Neon Healthcare Limited Please contact Neon Healthcare Limited Ltd by emailing medinfo@neonhealthcare.com

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine