

Fight Malaria! – Take Your Medication

If infected, malaria parasites exist in different stages in your body. They develop and multiply first in your liver and then in your blood.

Medicines

- ▶ Doxycycline (once daily) or Mefloquine (once weekly) is required to kill the blood stage parasites. **These drugs do not kill the liver stage parasites.**
- ▶ When you get home, and only upon final redeployment, take 2 weeks of Primaquine to kill the liver stage parasites even if you feel fine. **If you fail to complete this course of medication malaria may reactivate and make you ill.**

Dosing schedules and medications may differ from this card. Take anti-malarial medications as prescribed by your healthcare provider even if you don't feel sick and seek care immediately if you do feel ill.

FACT: You can safely consume alcohol (in moderation) while taking anti-malarial medications, including Primaquine.

Defend Yourself Against Malaria



**Permethrin
on
Uniform**

+



**DEET on
Exposed
Skin**

+



**Properly
Worn
Uniform**

+



**Permethrin-
treated
Pop-up
Bed Net**

+



**Anti-malarial
Medication**

=

**Maximum
Protection**