ATOVAQUONE AND PROGUANIL

ah-toe-va-kwone and pro-gwa-nil

What does it do?

Atovaquone and *proguanil* is used to prevent and treat malaria.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *atovaquone* and *proguanil* as directed with food or a milky drink.

Sometimes *atovaquone + proguanil* can make you feel sick or vomit. Taking the tablet with food or a milky drink may help prevent this. If you vomit within 1 hour of taking *atovaquone + proguanil*, you will need to take another tablet.

What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not take two doses at the same time.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *atovaquone* and *proguanil* including:

- antacids (e.g. Mylanta®)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products (e.g. St John's wort) or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Reduced number of blood cells that fight infections in your body - symptoms include: fever, chills, sore throat or generally feeling unwell	Tell your doctor immediately
Dizziness Loss of appetite	Tell your doctor if troublesome
Nausea, vomiting	See 'How should you take it?' section

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.