

Pharmacists now have an essential role in malaria prevention

Although there have been good control efforts, malaria remains a major health burden in South Africa. Malaria chemoprophylaxis (prevention) helps reduce the chances of travellers becoming ill with malaria.

Doxycycline, a malaria prophylaxis medication has now been down-scheduled for the pharmacist to dispense provided the use and intention is for malaria prophylaxis for travellers 8 years and older for a period not longer than 4 months.

For more information regarding the downscheduling, please refer

to: http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/39815_15-3_Health.pdf

For more information regarding malaria: <http://www.santhnet.co.za/index.php/travel-health-advice/2015-02-04-01-09-55/malaria-advice-for-travellers/item/277-malaria.html>