

# Mefloquine

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## **OVERVIEW**

- DND indicates that Mefloquine is an oral antimalarial medication that has been used by the CAF since the early 1990's.
  - Since then, it is one of the antimalarials available to CAF members for essentially all deployments to areas where malaria is a risk.
  - It is an approved Health Canada drug and is recommended as an option by the Public Health Agency of Canada

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## **BACKGROUND**

- Veterans may apply for any condition related to mefloquine with supporting information from his or her treating physician.
- Claims linked to mefloquine are adjudicated on a case-by-case basis by Veteran's Affairs Canada's Medical Advisory Unit.
  - Medical Advisory Unit does the research required to link the medical condition to mefloquine.
- Historically the most common claims have been for psychiatric conditions

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## CURRENT STATUS

- Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA) held hearings on the effects of Mefloquine use among Canadian Veterans in Spring of 2019
- Report presented to the House on June 19, 2019
  - Report makes 3 recommendations
  - Government response has been requested
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## NEXT STEPS: CRITICAL TIMELINES

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## **KEY MESSAGES**

- Veterans Affairs Canada is committed to the health and well-being of Veterans, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families.
- Veterans who believe they have a disability related to their military service are encouraged to contact Veterans Affairs for assistance.
- Every situation is unique and we work with Veterans on a case-by-case basis.