Seek medical advice immediately if you or your child do not feel better after 2 days of treatment with ACTs or if you or your child have:

- Repeated convulsions or fits
- Vomiting everything
- Difficulty breathing
- Unable to sit up
- Unable to eat or drink
- Unusual sleepiness

ARTEMISININ BASED COMBINATION THERAPIES

ACTs

The New Treatment for Malaria Fever

For more information about ACTs visit the nearest health facility.

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NEW TREATMENT FOR MALARIA FEVER IN UGANDA

ACTs (Artemisinin based Combination Therapies) are the new treatment for malaria fever recommended by the Ministry of Health.

WHAT ARE ACTs?

ACTs are a new combination of 2 medicines, recommended by the Ministry of Health for treatment of malaria fever. They are available in 2 forms: both medicines combined in one tablet or 2 medicines as separate tablets. The exact number of tablets depends on the age, weight of the person being treated and the type of ACT. Examples of ACTs are: Artemether/Lumefantrine (also called Coartem), Artesunate + Amodiaquine, Dihydroartemisinin/Piperaquine and Artemisinin/Naphthoquine.

WHO CAN USE ACTs?

ACTs are safe and effective for treating malaria fever. When you or your child has malaria fever, visit a health worker immediately for treatment with ACTs. Children below 4 months of age and women in their first 3 months of pregnancy should not take ACTs.

HOW DO I TAKE ACTs?

The number of tablets to take each day and number of times you take them depends on your age, body weight and on the particular ACTs you take. Your health worker will tell you how many tablets you take.

WHERE ARE ACTs AVAILABLE?

ACTs are available in government health facilities and private clinics. Just ask your health worker for ACTs for the treatment of malaria fever.

HOW MUCH DO ACTs COST?

ACTs are provided free of charge at government health facilities. At other health facilities, the cost of ACTs varies.

WHY DO I HAVE TO CONTINUE TAKING ACTs EVEN WHEN I FEEL BETTER?

Artemether/Lumefantrine (Coartem) and Artesunate + Amodiaquine must be taken for 3 days to cure malaria fever. Even when you feel better, you must complete 3 days of treatment with these medicines to remove all the malaria fever from your body.

Remember to take all your medicine as directed even if you feel better or the malaria fever will return.

If this happens, you or your child should visit a health facility immediately for different treatment.

HOW CAN I PREVENT MALARIA FEVER?

The Ministry of Health recommends the use of Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets as an effective way to protect you and your family against malaria fever.