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Relapse

Relapse is the return of a disease after its apparent cessation.

Both *P. vivax* and *P. ovale* have a tendency to relapse after resolution of the primary infection. Relapses occur weeks or months after the primary infection.

Recrudescence

Recrudescence is the recurrence of symptoms after a temporary abatement. The chief distinction between a recrudescence and a relapse is the time interval, a recrudescence occurring after some days or weeks, a relapse after some weeks or months.

P. falciparum is the usual cause of recrudescence infections and these arise 2-4 weeks following treatment.

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