

Classification of Malaria

According to severity of illness, malaria can be broadly classified into two types - **Uncomplicated (Benign)** and **Complicated (Malignant)**.

UNCOMPLICATED MALARIA

- Relatively milder disease
- Generally caused by *P. vivax*
- Seldom fatal
- The chance of involvement of other organs (complications) is much less.
- Also referred to as Uncomplicated Malaria.

COMPLICATED MALARIA

- Severe
- Rapid downhill course
- Caused mainly by *P. falciparum* and rarely by *P. vivax*.
- Poor prognosis (outcome)
- Nowadays "severe malaria" or "complicated malaria" are used more frequently to describe this type of malaria

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