

EMLc

ATC codes: J01FA10

Indication	Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent ICD11 code: 1A70.Z
INN	Azithromycin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)
Additional notes	*also listed for single-dose treatment of trachoma and yaws
Formulations	Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid (EMLc) Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (anhydrous) ; 500 mg (anhydrous)
EML status history	First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . 
Wikipedia	Azithromycin 
DrugBank	Azithromycin 

Expert Committee recommendation

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of a new strength formulation of ceftriaxone (powder for injection: 500 mg (as sodium) in vial) to the EML and EMLc. - replacing the oral liquid formulation of azithromycin (200 mg/5 mL) with powder for oral liquid 200 mg/5 mL on the EML and EMLc. - the addition of a new strength formulation of ciprofloxacin (solid oral dosage form 100 mg (as hydrochloride)) to the EMLc. - the addition of a new strength formulation of sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim (dispersible tablet 100 mg + 20 mg) on the EMLc.

EML recommendations: Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent

First choice

Second choice

ciprofloxacin

cefixime

azithromycin

ceftriaxone

sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim

