





ATC codes: J01FA10

Indication	Chlamydia trachomatis ICD11 code: XN4Q4
INN	Azithromycin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH
List type	Core
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 Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (anhydrous) ; 500 mg (anhydrous)
EML status history	First added in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
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

In consideration of the review of the age appropriateness of formulations of medicines on the EMLc, and the comparison report of the EML versus EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended changes to the EMLc for addition of new, age-appropriate formulations and strengths of existing essential medicines, deletion of unavailable or age-inappropriate formulations and strengths, and other listing modifications as proposed in the application. The Committee also endorsed the proposals for further review of the public health relevance and evidence for specific medicines for use in children for potential future consideration for inclusion on the EMLc. The Committee noted and welcomed the ongoing review being coordinated by the Secretariat for the remaining sections of the EMLc for consideration by the 2025 Expert Committee. As a result of the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - 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.

EML recommendations: Chlamydia trachomatis

First choice

Second choice

doxycycline

azithromycin

