Azithromycin is a macrolide antibiotic that can be used systemically and topically for the treatment of susceptible bacterial infections.

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**EML status history**
- First added in 2003 (TRS 920) for Trachoma
- Added in 2003 (TRS 920) for Chlamydia trachomatis
- Added in 2013 (TRS 985) for Trachoma
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Yaws
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Gonococcal infection
- Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Cholera
- Added in 2019 (TRS 1021) for Typhoid fever
- Added in 2019 (TRS 1021) for Paratyphoid fever

**Recommendations**

**Section**
- Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-infective agents

**Indications**
- Local > Ophthalmological > Solution (eye drops): 1.5% eye drops
Watch group antibiotics

Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL oral liquid
Oral > Solid: 250 mg (anhydrous) capsule; 500 mg (anhydrous) capsule

Indications

First choice
- Typhoid fever
- Chlamydia trachomatis
- Cholera
- Paratyphoid fever
cooprescribed with ceftriaxone
- Gonococcal infection

Second choice
- Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent
cooprescribed with cefixime
- Gonococcal infection

Other indications
- Yaws
- Trachoma