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

**INN**  | Azithromycin  
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**ATC codes**  | S01AA26 J01FA10  
**Medicine type**  | Chemical agent  
**Antibiotic groups**  | WATCH  
**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  
**Wikipedia**  | Azithromycin  
**DrugBank**  | Azithromycin  

**Recommendations**

**Section**  | Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-infective agents  
**Indications**  | Trachoma
### 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

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)
- Gonococcal infection

#### Second choice
- Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent

co-prescribed with [cefixime](#)
- Gonococcal infection

#### Other indications
- Yaws
- Trachoma