

Azithromycin

Essential medicine status

General description

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

INN

Azithromycin

ATC codes

[S01AA26 J01FA10](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

[WATCH](#)

EML status history

First added in 2003 ([TRS 920](#)) for [Chlamydia trachomatis](#)

Added in 2003 ([TRS 920](#)) for [Trachoma](#)

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 [Cholera](#)

Added in 2019 ([TRS 1021](#)) for [Typhoid fever](#)

Added in 2019 ([TRS 1021](#)) for [Paratyphoid fever](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Gonococcal infection](#)

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-infective agents

- Local > Ophthalmological > Solution (eye drops): 1.5% eye drops

Indications

[Trachoma](#)

Section

Watch group antibiotics

- Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid
- Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (anhydrous); 500 mg (anhydrous)

Indications

First choice

[Yaws](#) [Chlamydia trachomatis](#) [Cholera](#) [Cholera \[children\]](#) [Trachoma](#) [Typhoid fever](#) [Paratyphoid fever](#)

Second choice

[Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent](#)