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

**Recommendations**

**Section** | Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-infective agents
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**Indications** | Trachoma
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
- Typhoid fever
- Paratyphoid fever
- Trachoma
- Cholera [children]
- Chlamydia trachomatis
- Cholera
- Yaws

co-prescribed with ceftiraxone
- Gonococcal infection

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

co-prescribed with cefixime
- Gonococcal infection