

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	<p>First added in 2003 (TRS 920) for Trachoma</p> <p>Added in 2003 (TRS 920) for Chlamydia trachomatis</p> <p>Added in 2013 (TRS 985) for Trachoma</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Yaws</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Gonococcal infection</p> <p>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Cholera</p> <p>Added in 2019 (TRS 1021) for Typhoid fever</p> <p>Added in 2019 (TRS 1021) for Paratyphoid fever</p>
Wikipedia	Azithromycin 
DrugBank	Azithromycin 

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

Indications

First choice

Typhoid fever

Paratyphoid fever

Trachoma

Cholera [children]

Chlamydia trachomatis

Cholera

Yaws

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Gonococcal infection

Second choice

Infectious gastroenteritis or colitis without specification of infectious agent

co-prescribed with [cefixime](#)

Gonococcal infection

