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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [J01FA10](#)

Indication

Chlamydia trachomatis ICD11 code: [XN4O4](#)

INN

Azithromycin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

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List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral liquid

Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (anhydrous) ; 500 mg (anhydrous)

EML status history

First added in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

Changed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#))

Changed in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

Read more [about patents](#).

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Expert Committee recommendation



Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - replacing the oral liquid formulation of azithromycin (200 mg/5 mL) with powder for oral liquid 200 mg/5 mL on the EML and EMLc. - the addition of new strength formulations of doxycycline (powder for oral liquid 25 mg/5 mL (monohydrate), oral liquid 50 mg/5 mL (calcium), and dispersible tablet 100 mg (as monohydrate) on the EMLc.

EML recommendations: Chlamydia trachomatis

First choice

Second choice

First choice

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[doxycycline](#)

Second choice