Azithromycin

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ATC codes: J01FA10

Indication	Chlamydia trachomatis ICD11 code: XN4Q4
INN	Azithromycin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	WATCH
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.
Wikipedia	Azithromycin
DrugBank	Azithromycin

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
azithromycin	
doxycycline	