### Azithromycin

#### Essential medicine status

**INN:** Azithromycin  
**Medicine type:** Chemical agent  
**Antibiotic groups:** WATCH  
**List type:** Core

#### Indication

- **Trachoma**  
  - ICD11 code: **1C63.Z**

#### ATC codes:

- J01FA10

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#### EMLc

- **EMLc**

#### Formulations

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

#### EML status history

- First added in 2003 ([TRS 920](https://url))  
- Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](https://url))  
- Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](https://url))  
- Changed in 2023 ([TRS 1049](https://url))

#### Sex

- **All**

#### Age

- Also recommended for children

#### 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

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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.

### EML recommendations: Trachoma

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