Azithromycin

Essential medicine status ✓

EMLc | ATC codes: J01FA10

Indication	Trachoma ICD11 code: 1C63.Z
INN	Azithromycin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	W WATCH
List type	Core
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) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)
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

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

First choice	Second choice
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