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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [J01FA10](#)

EMLc

Indication

Trachoma ICD11 code: [1C63.Z](#)

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 (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

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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

First choice

Second choice

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