# Azithromycin

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EMLc | ATC codes: J01FA10

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| **Indication** | Trachoma ICD11 code: 1C23.Z |
| **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 (EMLc)<br>**Oral > Solid > dosage form:** 250 mg (anhydrous) ; 500 mg (anhydrous) |
| **EML status history** | First added in 2003 (TRS 920)<br>Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)<br>Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)<br>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<br>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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