

## Azithromycin Treatment

Azithromycin is an antibiotic taken by mouth for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

### Allergies

- Tell your health care provider if you have an allergy to any macrolide antibiotic.

### Pregnancy/Breastfeeding

- Azithromycin may be used with caution during pregnancy and breastfeeding, please consult your physician.

### CAUTION

- **You cannot take the following medications with Azithromycin:**
  - **Antipsychotics:** Pimozide (Orap<sup>®</sup>),
  - **Migraine:** Dihydroergotamine (Migranal<sup>®</sup>), Ergotamine (Cafergot<sup>®</sup>), Methysergide (Sansert<sup>®</sup>)
- **Do not take aluminum and magnesium containing antacids** at the same time as Azithromycin. Space them one to two hours apart.

### Tell your doctor if you are taking the following medication:

- **Antibiotic:** Rifabutin (Mycobutin<sup>®</sup>)
- **Anticoagulants:** Warfarin (Coumadin<sup>®</sup>)
- **Anticonvulsants:** Phenytoin (Dilantin<sup>®</sup>)
- **Asthma:** Aminophylline (Phyllocontin<sup>®</sup>), Oxtriphylline (Choledyl<sup>®</sup>), Theophylline (Uniphyll<sup>®</sup>),
- **Birth Control Pills** (estrogens/progestogens)
- **Heart Medication:** Amiodarone (Cordarone<sup>®</sup>), Bretylium, Digoxin (Lanoxin<sup>®</sup>), Disopyramide (Rythmodan<sup>®</sup>), Procainamide (Procan SR<sup>®</sup>), Propafenone (Rythmol<sup>®</sup>), Quinidine, Sotalol
- **HIV medication:** Nelfinavir (Viracept<sup>®</sup>)
- **Immune suppressants:** Cyclosporine (Neoral<sup>®</sup>), Tacrolimus (Prograf<sup>®</sup>)

### Side Effects

- You may get diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, or vomiting.

### Instructions for Taking

- Take all **FOUR** tablets (= 1000 mg) at the same time as a single dose.
- Azithromycin may be taken with or without food.

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### Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15-30°C.
- Protect from light, heat, and moisture.
- All oral medications should be used on or before the printed expiry date.
- Keep away from the reach of children.

### Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
  - one week after your 1-day treatment; or
  - your 7-day treatment is complete, and
  - your sex partner(s) have also been treated, even if their test results are negative.
- Tell your health care provider if:
  - you have sex with an untreated partner or
  - you have sex before either you or your partner(s) treatment is complete.
- If you are using a hormonal form of birth control (oral tablets, ring, or patch), use an extra method of protection until your present cycle is completed.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your doctor, local health unit, see contact information below.