



Azithromycin

Treatment

- An antibiotic used to treat sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

How do I take this medication?

- Taken by mouth, one pill after another.
- Take this medication with food to help prevent nausea and vomiting.

Important things to know:

- Make sure you've disclosed any allergies and any medications you are taking.
- Do not take Fluconazole (Diflucan®) the same day you take Azithromycin.
- Do not drink alcohol for 48 hours after taking this medication.
- If you vomit within 1 hour of taking the treatment, please contact the Sexual Health Clinic to determine if a repeat dose is needed.
- Do not have any sexual contact for 7 days after taking your treatment.
- If you still have symptoms after treatment, contact the Sexual Health Clinic or your health care provider.

**** Please contact your pharmacist or prescribing health care provider if you are concerned about a medication you are taking and Azithromycin use.***

Possible Side Effects

- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea/loose stools
- Abdominal pain
- Headache

***Although rare, Azithromycin can result in serious complications. If you have severe diarrhea, severe abdominal pain, skin reactions or other concerns please seek medical attention immediately.**



Allergic Reaction

Please remain in the waiting room for **20 minutes** after your treatment to monitor for an allergic reaction. If you experience any of the following, inform the nurse right away:

- Hives with itching
- Itchiness, tearing, nasal congestion or facial flushing
- Painless swelling around the face or mouth

Sneezing, coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing or difficulty swallowing * If you develop signs of an allergic reaction at home – please go to your nearest emergency department or contact 911.

Follow Up Testing

- Your health care provider will discuss follow up testing, if it is recommended.

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