

## Azithromycin (Zithromax)

Azithromycin (Zithromax) is an antibiotic used in the treatment of Chlamydia.

Do not take this medication if you are allergic to Azithromycin, Erythromycin or Clarithromycin.

### How to take Azithromycin:

- Take four pills, all at the same time, with food.
- Avoid antacids within two hours of taking Azithromycin.
- If you vomit within two hours of taking this medication, contact the clinic for a different treatment.

### Precautions for everyone:

- Let the doctor know if you are taking:
 

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| Anti-convulsant drugs | Theophylline |
| Cyclosporine          | Triazolam    |
| Digoxin               | Warfarin     |
| Ergotamine            |              |
- Do not have sex or close genital-to-genital contact for one week.
- Do not have sex or close genital-to-genital contact with your partner until one week after his or her treatment (if treated with Azithromycin).
- It is best not to mix alcohol and medications for up to 48 hours after finishing your treatment.
- If you have been told to come back for a repeat test in four to six weeks, please use condoms until you have a result that is negative.

### Precautions for females:

- If you think you may be pregnant or are breastfeeding, let the doctor know. A different treatment may be given.
- For the rest of your pack of birth control pills, use a back-up method such as spermicide and condoms.

### Common side effects:

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cramps occur in 10 to 15 percent of people. Headache and dizziness may also occur.

If you have any questions, call KFL&A Public Health, Sexual Health Program at 613-549-1232, ext 1213.

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