



Azithromycin (Zithromax®)

This antibiotic is taken by mouth and used to treat: non-gonococcal urethritis (NGU), mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC), chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Tell your doctor, nurse, or nurse practitioner if you:

- Are allergic to antibiotics
- Are breastfeeding
- Are taking any medications or recently had a typhoid vaccine or BCG
- Have had QT prolongation on ECG, low magnesium, or low potassium levels
- Have myasthenia gravis
- Have a history of liver or kidney disease

Possible side effects:

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Abdominal pain, loss of appetite
- Vaginal itching or discharge

How to take this medication:

- Take all 4 pills at the same time, with or without food.
- Do not share your medication.

Precautions after taking this medication

- Do not have sex for 7 days after taking this medication even with condoms.
- Do not have sex with untreated partners.
- If you vomit within 1 hour of taking this medication, you must return to the clinic for re-treatment. Drinking alcohol may increase your chance of vomiting.
- Do not take antacids (Tums, Rolaids, Maalox) within 2 hours of taking this medication.
- Tell us immediately if you develop a rash, itching, vomiting, tightness in your chest or throat, trouble breathing, swelling of the face, lips or tongue. If you have these symptoms after you have left the clinic, seek emergency medical care.

Storage

- Most of the time this drug is given in the clinic. If taken home, keep at room temperature, out of the reach of children and pets.

For information, call the Sexual Health Clinic 613-234-4641

