



L-Uffiċċju tal-Uffiċjal Mediku Ewlieni

Office of the Chief Medical Officer

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Attention All: Consultants
Medical Officers
Pharmacists
Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

Re: Azithromycin

Azithromycin 200mg/5mL suspension, 250mg and 500mg capsules have been recommended by the Government Formulary List Advisory Committee and approved by the Superintendent of Public Health for introduction onto the Government Formulary List.

Azithromycin is a nitrogen-containing macrolide (azalide) with actions and uses similar to those of erythromycin.

Azithromycin 200mg/5mL suspension, 250mg and 500mg capsules are protocol- regulated with protocol number 11 (attached). Consultant Paediatricians, Infectious Diseases Consultants and GU Clinic Consultants can prescribe azithromycin for the indications described in the protocol

Azithromycin 200mg/5mL suspension, 250mg and 500mg capsules have been procured through the Central Procurement and Supplies Unit and are now available for use.

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Azithromycin 250mg, 500mg Capsules and 200mg/5mL Suspension

Part A

Prescriber Criteria: Consultant Paediatrician
Consultant Infectious Diseases

Out-patient and In-patient use:

1. Cystic Fibrosis
2. Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders
3. Secondary Immunodeficiency Disorders

- ***Cystic Fibrosis***

Reserved for patients who are suffering from chronic *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* lung infection

- ***Primary Immunodeficiency Disorders and Secondary Immunodeficiency Disorders***

Reserved for patients suffering from immunodeficiency in the absence of T-cell dysfunction, or hypogammaglobulinaemia or other immunoglobulin deficiencies.

Duration of Approval: 1 year

In-patient use:

1. Cat Scratch Disease
2. *Chlamydia trachomatis* oculogenital infections
3. Prophylaxis for chlamydial infections in survivors of sexual abuse
4. Treatment or post-exposure prophylaxis of pertussis in infants <1 month of age
5. Second line treatment of Cryptosporidiosis in the immunocompromised

Part B

Prescriber Criteria: GU Clinic Consultant

Genitourinary Clinic:

1. *Chlamydia trachomatis*
2. Muco-purulent cervicitis
3. *Mycoplasma genitalium*
4. Non-Specific Urethritis