

AZIMAX 250MG TABLET

Azithromycin 250mg

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What Azimax 250 mg Tablet is used For

Used to treat infections of the

- middle ear (otitis media)
- throat (strep throat)
- lungs (bronchitis)
- sinuses (sinusitis)
- chest (pneumonia)
- skin and soft tissue
- genitals caused by *Chlamydia trachomatis*.

How Azimax 250 mg Tablet works

Azimax belongs to a group of antibiotics called macrolides. It acts on bacteria that cause infections by either killing them or stopping their growth.

Azimax does not work against viral infection such as cold and flu.

Before you use Azimax 250 mg Tablet

When you must not take it

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to azithromycin, any other macrolide or ketolide and any of the excipients used in this product.

Your doctor will carefully consider your condition before giving you this medicine.

Before you start to take it

Tell your doctor if:

- you have heart problems
- you have liver problems
- you have kidney problems

- you are pregnant, plan to get pregnant or breastfeeding
- you are taking medicines derived from ergot.

Taking other medicines

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines in any form including any that you buy or obtained without a prescription.

Some medicines interfere with this antibiotic. They include:

- antacids (for indigestion)
- warfarin (to prevent blood clots)
- terfenadine or astemizole (for skin allergies)
- cyclosporine (to prevent organ transplant rejection and to treat any overactive immune system problems)
- digoxin (to treat heart failure)
- ergotamine / dihydroergotamine (to treat migraines)
- theophylline (to treat asthma and chronic obstructive lung disease)
- phenytoin (to treat epilepsy)
- triazolam / hexobarbital (to treat insomnia).

Your doctor may adjust the different amounts of your medicines or you may need to take different medicines.

Other interactions not stated may occur. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you have any other concerns.

How to take Azimax 250 mg Tablet

How much to take

Base on your medical condition and whether or not you are taking any other medicines, your doctor or pharmacist will tell you the amount of tablets that you will need to take.

The tablets can be taken by adults and children weighing over 45 kg. It is not recommended for children weighing less than 45 kg.

The usual dose is 1500 mg over three days ie. 500 mg once a day.

For genital infections, the dose is 1000 mg.

Follow your doctor's directions as closely as possible.

Swallow the tablet with a full glass of water.

When to take it

You can take it with or without food.

How long to take it

You are advised to take it until the treatment is finished, even if you are feeling better.

Infection may occur again if you do not finish your treatment. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

If you forget to take it

Do not take double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you forget to take your dose, take it as soon as you remember. Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose.

If you take too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately as soon as you realise you have taken too much.

While you are using Azimax 250 mg Tablet

Things you must do

Tell your doctor if:

- you get a sore white mouth or tongue during or after stopping treatment
- you get vaginal itching or discharge
- there is no change in your condition or if your condition worsens
- you have not been taking your medicines as you are told
- you become pregnant
- you have diarrhoea.

Do not take anti-diarrhoea medicine before asking your doctor or pharmacist. Continue to inform them if you have diarrhoea even after you have stopped taking this medicine for several weeks.

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Things you must not do

Do not give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.

Do not take your medicine to treat any other complaints unless you are told by your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not stop taking the medicine or change the dosage on your own before asking your doctor.

Things to be careful of

As with erythromycin and other macrolide, you may have rare serious allergic reactions, including angiodema and anaphylaxis (rarely fatal). Some of these reactions with azithromycin have resulted in recurrent symptoms and required a longer period of observation and treatment.

Prolongation of the QT interval

Prolonged cardiac repolarization and QT interval, imparting a risk of developing cardiac arrhythmia and torsades de pointes, have been seen in treatment with macrolides, including azithromycin. Prescribers should consider the risk of QT prolongation, which can be fatal, when weighing the risks and benefits of azithromycin for at-risk groups including:

- Patients with congenital or documented QT prolongation
- Patients currently receiving treatment with other active substances known to prolong QT interval, such as antiarrhythmics of Classes IA and III, antipsychotic agents, antidepressants, and fluoroquinolones
- Patients with electrolyte disturbance, particularly in cases of hypokalemia and hypomagnesemia
- Patients with clinically relevant bradycardia, cardiac arrhythmia or cardiac insufficiency
- Elderly patients: elderly patients may be more susceptible to drug-associated effects on the QT interval

Infantile hypertrophic pyloric stenosis (IHPS) has been reported following the use of azithromycin in infants (treatment up to 42 days of life). Parents and caregivers should be informed to contact their physician if vomiting and/or irritability with feeding occurs.

Side effects

All medicines can cause unwanted side effects. These effects can be serious but most of the time, they are mild and temporary.

Tell your doctor immediately if you think you are experiencing any of the following possible unwanted side effects while taking the medicine.

Azimax may cause severe allergy and serious skin reactions.

Stop using Azimax and seek medical assistance immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- skin reddening, blisters, rash, fever, sore throat or eye irritation.

Most common side effects:

- gastrointestinal disturbances eg. diarrhoea (several loose bowel movements in a day), stomach cramps, nausea (feeling sick) and wind.

Rare side effects:

- cholestatic jaundice
- mild transient neutropenia (reduced number of neutrophils in the blood)

Other side effects at unknown frequency:

- Rashes, headache, and dizziness

If you noticed that the child vomits and/or irritability with feeding occurs, contact doctor immediately as it may be due to the Infantile Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis (IHPS).

Post marketing experience:

Cardiac Disorders: Palpitations and arrhythmias including ventricular tachycardia have been reported. There have been rare reports of QT prolongation and torsades de pointes.

Gastrointestinal Disorders: infantile hypertrophic pyloric stenosis.

Other unwanted side effects not listed may occur. Tell your doctor immediately.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers -> Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

After using Azimax 250 mg Tablet

Storage

Keep out of reach of children. This medicine must be stored below 30°C. Protect from light and moisture.

Disposal

No specific instructions. Please ask your pharmacist how to dispose unused medicines properly.

Product description

What it looks like?

Azimax 250 mg Tablet is oblong, white, film-coated tablet, bevel-edged, shallow convex with break bar and "HOVID" embossed on the other side.

Ingredients

The active substance in each Azimax 250 mg Tablet is Azithromycin 250 mg.

Other excipients:

Dicalcium phosphate dihydrate, Pregelatinised starch, Sodium lauryl sulfate, Croscarmellose sodium, Magnesium stearate, Hydropropyl methylcellulose E-5, Hydropropyl methylcellulose E-15, Titanium dioxide, Talc, Isopropyl alcohol, Propylene glycol, Purified water

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