

ANY SEXUAL PARTNER WHO HAS A HISTORY OF ALLERGY TO THIS ANTIBIOTIC OR THE PHARMACEUTICAL CLASS OF ANTIBIOTIC SHOULD NOT TAKE THIS ANTIBIOTIC AND SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY EXAMINED BY A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL

ZITHROMAX (AZITHROMYCIN) – ORAL

USES: Azithromycin is an antibiotic used to treat a wide variety of bacterial infections, such as respiratory tract infections, sexually transmitted diseases and skin infections.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: This medication can be taken with or without food. Avoid taking antacids with this since the absorption of this drug can be affected. Wait at least 2 hours after taking this medication before taking an antacid.

Antibiotics work best when the amount of medicine in your body is kept at a constant level. Do this by taking the medication at the same time of the day on each day of treatment.

Continue to take this medication until the full prescribed amount is finished even if symptoms disappear after a few days. Stopping the medication too early may allow bacteria to continue to grow and may result in a relapse of the infection.

SIDE EFFECTS: This medication may cause stomach upset, loose stools, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps or vaginal irritation. If these symptoms persist or become severe, inform your prescriber.

Notify your prescriber immediately if you experience these rare side effects: difficulty breathing, swelling of the face or dark urine.

If you develop diarrhea while taking this medication, notify your prescriber. Do not take any nonprescription medications to treat diarrhea without first consulting your prescriber.

Use of this medication for prolonged or repeated periods may result in a secondary infection (e.g., oral, bladder or vaginal yeast infection).

PRECAUTIONS: Tell your prescriber if you have other illnesses or any allergies, especially allergies to drugs.

If you have had liver disease, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes), history of colitis or stomach problems or kidney disease, tell your prescriber before taking this drug.

Tell your prescriber if you are pregnant before taking this medication. It is not known if azithromycin appears in breast milk. Consult with your prescriber before breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Do not take aluminum- and magnesium-containing antacids simultaneously with azithromycin.

Tell your prescriber of all over-the-counter and prescription medications you are taking including theophylline, carbamazepine, warfarin, astemizole, terfenadine, digoxin, triazolam, ergotamine, cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, felodipine (a calcium channel blocker), or birth control pills.

NOTES: This medication has been prescribed for your current condition only. Do not use it later for another infection or give it to someone else. A different medication may be necessary.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose, take it as soon as remembered; do not take if it is almost time for the next dose. Instead, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the doses.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature away from sunlight and moisture. If you have any further questions, please, call a pharmacist at 1-800-797-8062