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<u>Azithromycin</u> is used to treat a wide variety of <u>bacterial infections</u>. It is a macrolide-type antibiotic. It works by stopping the growth of bacteria.

This <u>medication</u> will not work for <u>viral infections</u> (such as <u>common cold</u>, <u>flu</u>). Unnecessary use or misuse of any antibiotic can lead to its decreased effectiveness.

How to use Azithromycin Tablet Macrolide Antibiotics

Read the Patient Information Leaflet if available from your <u>pharmacist</u> before you start taking <u>azithromycin</u> and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Side Effects:

Stomach upset, diarrhea/loose stools, nausea, vomiting, or abdominal pain may occur. If any of these effects persist or worsen, tell your doctor or pharmacist promptly.

Remember that your doctor has prescribed this medication because he or she has judged that the benefit to you is greater than the risk of side effects. Many people using this medication donot have serious side effects.

Tell your doctor right away if any of these unlikely but serious side effects occur: hearing changes (such as decreased hearing, deafness), eye problems (such as drooping eyelids, blurred vision), difficulty speaking/swallowing, muscle weakness, signs of liver problems (such as unusual tiredness, persistent nausea/vomiting, severe stomach/abdominal pain

Precautions:

Before taking azithromycin, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are allergic to it; or to other antibiotics (such as erythromycin, clarithromycin, telithromycin); or if you have any other allergies. This product may contain inactive ingredients, which can cause allergic reactions or other problems. Talk to your pharmacist for more details.

Before using this medication, tell your doctor or pharmacist your medical history, especially of: liver disease, kidney disease, a certain muscle disease (myasthenia gravis).

Azithromycin may cause a condition that affects the heart rhythm (QT prolongation). QT prolongation can rarely cause serious (rarely fatal) fast/irregular heartbeat and other symptoms (such as severe dizziness, fainting) that need medical attention right away