Being Treated with Azithromycin (Zithromax[®])

Your Medicine

You will get 4 tablets that are 250 mg each.

How to Take Your Medicine

Take **all** 4 tablets at the same time with a big glass of water and some food.

Call your doctor or nurse if you vomit within 1 hour of taking the tablets.

Is there anyone that can't take azithromycin?

Talk to a nurse or doctor **before** you take azithromycin if you:

- have had an allergic reaction to azithromycin, erythromycin, or other antibiotics like clarithromycin (Biaxin®)
- · take any other medicine
- · have liver problems

What are the side effects of the medicine?

Possible side effects may include:

- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- pain in the abdomen

Go to an emergency department or call 9-1-1 if you have:

- trouble breathing or swallowing
- swelling or tingling in the mouth or on the face
- hives
- wheezing



What follow-up do I need?

Come back for another test Date:

Regular STI testing every 3 to 6 months П

Things to Think About

The birth control pill, patch, and ring might not work as well when you take azithromycin. Keep using your regular method of birth control and use condoms for **7 days** after you take the medicine to help prevent pregnancy.

Safer Sex

It's important not to have unprotected sex (oral, vaginal, or anal sex without a condom) until you and your partner(s) are tested and for 7 days after you and your partner(s) are treated.

The best protection is **not** to have sex (oral, vaginal, or anal) for 7 days after you and your partner(s) are treated. You can get re-infected if your sexual partner(s) hasn't been treated.

For More Information

- STI/HIV Information Line: 1-800-772-2437
- www.myhealth.alberta.ca
- www.sexgerms.com



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